Regional-breds top yearling sale | Preakness streak memories | Laki wins De Francis

# Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

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## Flying Finish

*Swiss Skydiver denies Derby winner Authentic in Preakness*

# A week in the life of Country Life Farm

**DIVINING ROD, by Tapit, may be the next Constitution. His first yearling crop includes this $100,000 FTM colt, purchased by Divining Rod's breeders, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, on 10/6.**

**Flatter colt, 2nd highest-priced FTM yearling at $250,000, and Lemon Drop Kid filly, purchased for $92,000 by Country Life, arrived at Merryland Farm for breaking and training 10/7.**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, purchased last year by Country Life for $20,000, shown winning the $75,000 M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes on Oct. 9. Broken and trained at Merryland.**

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# Midlantic

## December Mixed & Horses of Racing Age

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*Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's yearling sale featured plenty of activity in early October.*

# In this issue

## Preakness delivers a big moment, even in October

In a tight, stretch-long battle with Kentucky Derby winner Authentic, Peter Callahan's Swiss Skydiver became the sixth filly to win the Preakness Stakes, which was run in October as the final leg of the Triple Crown and without spectators due to the coronavirus pandemic. By Joe Clancy. Page 20

## Three Preakness fans remember how they got there

Run without spectators, the Preakness Stakes suffered a bit when it came to atmosphere – no infield party, no on-site wagering, only a handful of fancy hats and Preakness ties, no Black-Eyed Susan hawkers. The restrictions meant an end to Preakness "streaks" for many fans, but nobody forgets what the Preakness means. By Sara Gordon. Page 26

## Locals enjoy banner Preakness Week

Maryland-breds Laki and Harpers First Ride landed graded stakes wins in the De Francis Dash and Pimlico Special, respectively, as regional horses found success while Pimlico hosted the nation's racing elite for the Preakness Stakes and its accompanying major races. By Joe Clancy. Page 30

## Regional yearling sale hangs tough

Like everything, the Thoroughbred sales market was impacted by Covid-19, but Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's fall yearling sale managed to offer plenty of commerce as buyers spent more than $9 million on yearlings. Regional-breds held down the top three positions at more than $200,000 each. By Joe Clancy. Page 36

**Cover: Swiss Skydiver hung tough along the rail to deny Kentucky Derby winner Authentic in the Preakness Stakes.** Photo by John Voorhees/Eclipse Sportswire

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## Weanlings

F, **Holy Boss**–Be a Gem MD-Bred
C, **Freedom Child**–Beau's Trip MD-Bred
C, **Mor Spirit**–Corinnaise MD-Bred
F, **Divining Rod**–Courage to Change MD-Bred
F, **Warrior's Reward**–Desi Girl PA-Bred
C, **Mo Town**–Easter Fashion WV-Bred
F, **Divining Rod**–Easy Mover MD-Bred
C, **Divining Rod**–Final Humor MD-Bred
C, **Unified**–Frozen Tundra WV-Bred
C, **Funtastic**–Gulf Coast Breeze PA-Bred
F, **Central Banker**–Gulf Front NY-Bred
C, **Freedom Child**–Helen Louise MD-Bred
F, **Race Day**–Jazz Dancer NY-Bred
F, **Divining Rod**–Maid of Cotton MD-Bred
C, **Friesan Fire**–Music Town MD-Bred
C, **Mosler**–Placentia MD-Bred
C, **McCraken**–Rock Me Mama MD-Bred
C, **Mosler**–Sagamoon MD-Bred
C, **Hoppertunity**–Secret Affair PA-Bred
F, **Mosler**–Sky Given MD-Bred
C, **First Samurai**–Spring Dance KY-Bred
F, **Sharp Azteca**–Starvista MD-Bred
C, **Dortmund**–Taconic Victory MD-Bred

## Yearlings

C, **Golden Ticket**–Aquapazza NY-Bred

## Broodmare Prospects

**APPEALING HONOR** (Quality Road)
**MAMA'S GREY GHOST** (Violence)
**MOONSHAFT** (Mineshaft)

## Broodmares

**COURAGE TO CHANGE** (Two Punch) i/f Mosler
**CORINNAISE** (Corinthian) i/f Mosler
**EASY MOVER** (Outflanker) i/f Super Ninety Nine
**FINAL HUMOR** (Distorted Humor) i/f Divining Rod
**JAZZ DANCER** (Dixieland Band) i/f Force the Pass
**GULF FRONT** (The Factor) I/F Central Banker
**MAID OF COTTON** (Partner's Hero) i/f Mosler
**MISS MOONSHINE** (Malibu Moon) i/f Mosler
**MOONLIT MALIBU** (Malibu Moon) NIF
**PLACENTIA** (Bernardini) i/f Mosler

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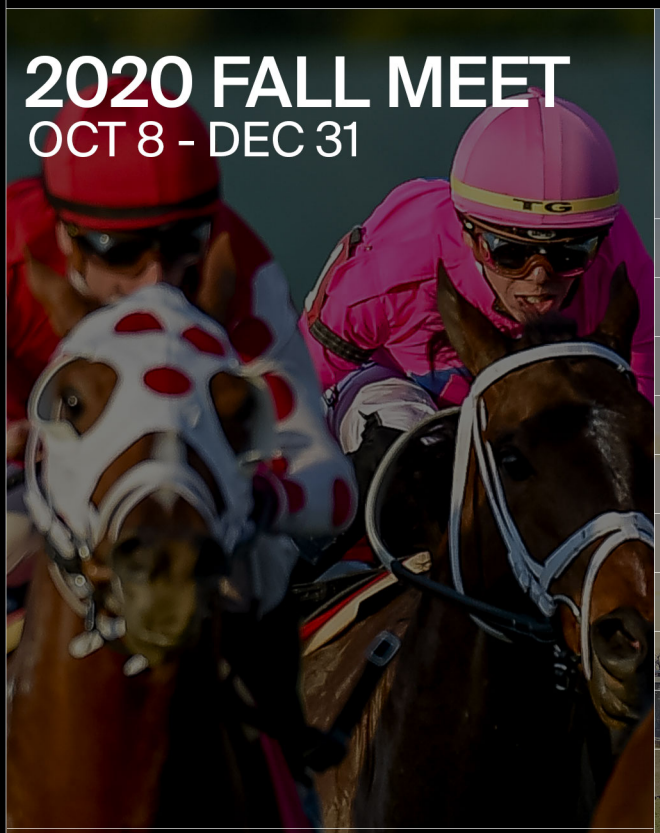

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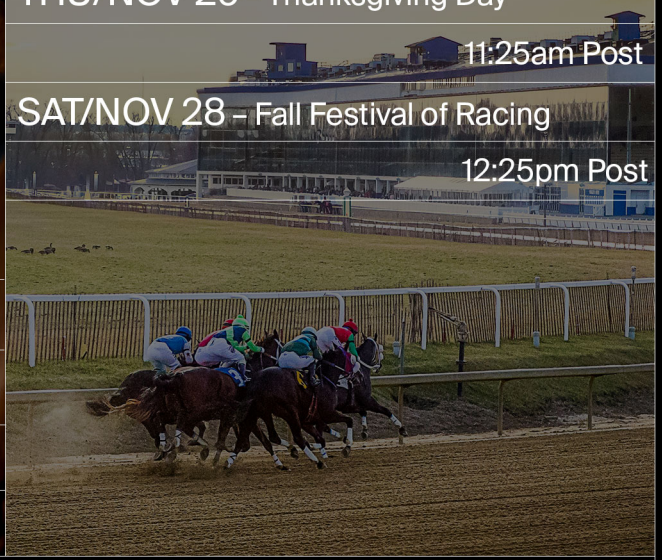

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# POST TIME

**BALTIMORE SUN.** Autumn mornings like this greeted trainees during Preakness Week at Pimlico in October.
*Scott Serio/Eclipse Sportswire*

# SAY IT AGAIN

"Here's a photo that ought to be in black and white."
*Kirkwood Stable's Kip Elser, showing off a phone image of himself, Barclay Tagg and Dave Washer (all jump jockeys back in the day)*

"They mail you all the catalogs, you know, and I'm standing there looking at the book and at the horse and it just didn't match. They kept saying it was an Upstart filly, but that's not what I had. Then I realized I had the Kentucky catalog."
*Potential yearling buyer Darren Nagle, who tossed his catalog in the trash after realizing he brought the wrong one to Fasig-Tipton Midlantic*

"The good news is there's nobody in this business that's real fickle."
*Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Steve Dance, on the unpredictability of yearling buyers*

"What you don't make on the soup, you make on the nuts."
*Dance, on the unpredictability of yearling sellers*

"Just like checkers, it's your move."
*Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Tom Biederman, coaxing a bidder along*

"That's the strongest horse Tom's ridden in awhile."
*Trainer Fenneka Bentley, as jump jockey Tom Garner came back on an Arabian at Pimlico*

"I get them ready for Bob. Bob gets them ready for the races."
*Assistant trainer Mike Marlow, on his role in the Bob Baffert stable*

"I started when I was 12 for Mikey Smithwick so . . . five years ago."
*Exercise rider Annie Finney, who rode Art Collector all week at Pimlico, when asked when she started riding racehorses*

"There are only two that eat better than she does at Churchill Downs and that's me and Dale Romans."
*Trainer Kenny McPeek, on the eating habits of Preakness winner Swiss Skydiver*

"Seat 34B on Southwest, that's not going to look as good to her next time, but it's been a lot of fun."
*Trainer Tommy Drury, whose daughter Emma accompanied him to Baltimore on a private jet with owner Bruce Lunsford*

"Any Pinkie Swears out here?"
*Jockey Robby Albarado, invoking his favorite steeplechase horse, while watching training at Pimlico*

"I've bought some and had some small success, some medium success and some years we buy a few and they couldn't beat you or me. That's how racing is, you never know what you're going to get. It's not like buying a Chevy or a Ford and just looking under the hood."
*Swiss Skydiver's owner Peter Callahan, on the vagaries of buying Thoroughbreds*

## NAMES OF THE MONTH

**Fluffy Socks.** The Selima winner, a 2-year-old filly owned and bred by Head of Plains Partners, is by Slumber (GB) out of Breakfast Time.

**Single Focus.** Ann Backer's 4-year-old Virginia-bred, a winner at Laurel Park in August, got his name because he only has one eye.

**Completed Pass.** The 6-year-old, second in October's Jim McKay Turf Sprint at Pimlico, is by Pass Rush.

**Nobody Knew.** The 2-year-old colt, bred by Charlie and Cynthia McGinnes, is by Secret Circle and out of Untiltherewasyou. The Maryland-bred won Oct. 1 and 8.

## GO FIGURE

**1** Marathon Alpacas horse (or alpaca) trailer in the Timonium parking lot for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale (there were no alpacas sold).

**1** "In Memory of Clem Frank" horse blanket at Pimlico during Preakness Week.

**3** Stakes starts in less than a month for Richard Woll's Bronx Beauty, resulting in a win in Monmouth's Regret, a second in Pimlico's Skipat and a third in Parx Racing's Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial. The Tony Margotta Jr. trained 5-year-old Pennsylvania-bred mare pushed her earnings to just shy of $600,000.

**35** Years old the yellow Preakness tie worn by Daily Racing Form writer Marty McGee on Preakness Day at Pimlico is.

**319.80** The $2 win payoff for Andrez Conquist, setting a record at Monmouth Park, Sept. 26. He returned $89.60 to place and $27.40 to show. It was the 3-year-old's first win in eight starts.

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# MILESTONES

**Named:** National Small Breeder of the Year, Larry Karp of Barlar LLC, by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association at its 35th Annual National Awards, held virtually at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa in Paris, Ky., Sept. 26. A Texas resident who foals primarily in Pennsylvania, Karp was represented by three Pennsylvania-bred stakes winners in 2019—Grade 1 winner Mirth and her year-younger half-sister Vault, as well as the older mare Imply, who won three of her seven lifetime stakes last year and pushed her career earnings to $772,728. The latter two campaigned for Karp. Other regional award winners were Sagamore Farm (Maryland), John and Joan Bowers (New Jersey), Dr. E. Clinton and Carol Lowry (North Carolina), Franklin Smith Sr. (South Carolina) and Ann Mudge Backer (Virginia).

**Sold:** Thirteen regional-breds for six figures at Keeneland September's yearling sale, Sept. 13-25 in Lexington, Ky. The top price was $500,000 for a Virginia-bred Nyquist colt out of Street Interest, by Street Cry (Ire), bred by Morgan's Ford Farm. The colt is a half-brother to 2019 juvenile stakes winner Bella Aurora; his third dam is Grade 1 winner Shared Interest. A half-sister to Grade 1 winner Sewickley, Shared Interest also produced Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 winner Cash Run. West Bloodstock, agent for Repole Stables and St. Elias Stable, made the purchase. Blackstone Farm's Pennsylvania-bred colt by Medaglia d'Oro out of stakes-placed Seanchai (by English Channel) sold for $450,000 to Shadwell Estate Company. Blackstone also bred the next highest price, a $300,000 Gun Runner colt out of the graded stakes-placed Midnight Lute mare Midnight Bliss. The winning bidder was Riley Robb Bloodstock. Rounding out the yearlings bringing $200,000 or more was a Candy Ride (Are)—Randie's Legend, by Benchmark colt, a half-brother to graded winner Daddy Is a Legend bred by Hank Nothhaft's HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing and sold to Muir Hut Stables for $250,000; and an Audley Farm Equine's Virginia-bred filly by Distorted Humor—Coming Attraction, by Tapit, descending from racing great Personal Ensign, who sold to Pilgrim Racing for $200,000.

**Won:** His 3,500th race, Dale Capuano, with 2-year-old Alwaysinahurry Sept. 30 at Delaware Park. One of Maryland's all-time leading trainers, Capuano recorded his first win at Bowie in February 1981 with Who's Lucky. Capuano's biggest year came in 2001, with 235 wins, fourth in the nation. He ranked sixth nationally in 2000 (173 wins) and 2002 (201 wins).

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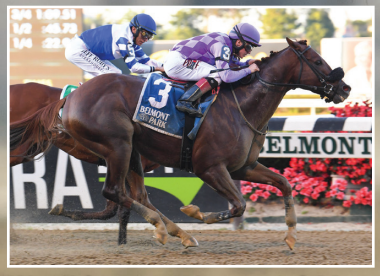

ADAM COGLIANESE PHOTOGRAPHY

Won his second start (of 30 lifetime) in a Saratoga maiden special weight and went on to win an additional 8 races–all stakes, including the Grade 2 Kelso H with a 103 Beyer score (above), and 10 stakes placings.

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## — What the owners and trainers say —

"*He kept giving his best all the time. . . I don't believe I've had another horse run as good as he did for as long as he did.*" Harold Lerner, partner

"*It was beyond our wildest dreams to enjoy the success we had with him. He had so much heart and a great personality. He gave us more than we could have ever imagined.*" Wayne Cutler, partner

"*No matter what was put in front of him, he always tried and gave us 110%. He was a favorite around the barn because of the way he always showed up in a race.*" Jeremiah Englehart, trainer

"*... a good, honest horse to be around. . . rock solid.*" Ken McPeek, trainer and agent

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**Projected:** A 2021 North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 19,200, by The Jockey Club. The estimation for the 2020 foal crop remains at 20,500. The foal crop projection, traditionally announced in mid-August, is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred received to date for the 2020 breeding season. RMBs are to be filed by Aug. 1 of each breeding season.

**Awarded:** Grants totaling more than $1 million in 2020, the Thoroughbred Charities of America. A record 92 grant applications were received during the organization's annual grant cycle with 70 organizations approved for a grant including 45 aftercare organizations, 16 backstretch and farm worker programs, five equine-assisted therapy organizations, three Thoroughbred incentive programs, and one research organization. Grant recipients from the last three years can be found at tca.org. TCA's Horses First Fund made emergency grants to three backstretch organizations, seven aftercare organizations, and supported two feed assistance programs across the U.S. to aid in the relief efforts during the coronavirus pandemic. TCA's expanded giving in 2020 is bolstered by two bequests received since its last granting cycle—from the estate of Robert D. Byington of Lansing, Mich., an avid horsemen and part owner of 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom; and the estate of Maryland owner/breeder Bob Manfuso who died in March. Manfuso was a founding member of the TCA Board of Directors where he worked closely with founders, Herb and Ellen Moelis and Allaire duPont. "The contributions from Mr. Byington and Mr. Manfuso were so important and we couldn't have hit the seven-figure impact mark without them," said Mike McMahon president of TCA. "As a founder and an active board member for nearly 30 years, Bob Manfuso served horses and horse people. He was a great man, generous with his hard work and financial support right to the end. Likewise, the generosity of Robert Byington has made a deep and lasting impact on TCA and our grant recipient organizations. We are forever grateful." TCA's annual grants are provided to organizations that successfully meet the criteria set forth in an annual grant application. Grant applications for the 2021 grant cycle will be available in early January.

**Won:** His 1,000th race, Jevian Toledo, aboard Instigated at Laurel Park Oct. 8. The 26-year-old native of Caguas, Puerto Rico, has been Maryland's leading rider twice (2015 and 2017) and has taken five Laurel riding titles. His first win in the U.S. came aboard Peaceadaaction at Pimlico June 8, 2013.

**Returned:** To the top of the Monmouth Park trainers' standings after a 14-year absence, Kelly Breen. Having led the race virtually from the start, he capped it by winning both stakes races on the final day of the track's 75th season Sept. 27. His 32 victories far outdistanced Jose H. Delgado with 17. Paco Lopez took the jockeys' title for the seventh time, with 51 wins, nine more than co-runner-up Ferrin Peterson. Klaravich Stables was the leading owner with eight wins from 15 starts.

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Ten starts. Ten wins. Eight Grade 1s. Cigar completed a year for the ages with a stakes record-setting Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 victory, dominating by 2½ lengths over longshot L'Carriere. Those trailing behind included Unaccounted For, Soul of the Matter, Peaks and Valleys, Tinners Way, Concern and Halling.

"It is etched in stone," said trainer Bill Mott of the best season seen on the track since Spectacular Bid went undefeated in nine starts in 1980. Cigar always looked to be in control in the $3 million Classic, his first time over a muddy track, and he completed 1¼ miles in 1:59.58, just .25 seconds off the track record.

"New Yorkers, as smart and cynical as horseplayers come, saluted greatness with a rare standing ovation as Cigar rolled home in the Classic," wrote *Maryland Horse* editor Tim Capps of Cigar's "emphatic stamp on an epochal year."

Capps added: "It is axiomatic that horses who do not compete in Triple Crown races rarely achieve stature beyond the boundaries of racing, and so it was with Cigar until this fall.

"Now, though, he has officially become a celebrity. He is featured in the November 13 edition of *People* magazine, alongside the usual array of human glitterati [he's easy to spot, the only true Thoroughbred of the lot]."

"He's the greatest I've been around," said jockey Jerry Bailey, who got his fourth Classic win in five years.

With his 12th win in a row, and 14th of his career, Cigar passed $5 million in earnings in his 25th start. Mott noted after the race that he would sit down with breeder/owner Allen Paulson to plot out the 5-year-old's future. "If Cigar is healthy and sound, we'll race another year. And, there's that $4 million race [the inaugural Dubai World Cup] in March."

Also on the horizon was an attempt at breaking Citation's record 16-race win streak, the longest for a major runner in the 20th century.

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**Opinion—What's missing from Robby Albarado coverage:** Following the Preakness, many news outlets featured jockey Robby Albarado's fall and rise—but they left out a big part of the story. Teresa Genaro provides additional details.

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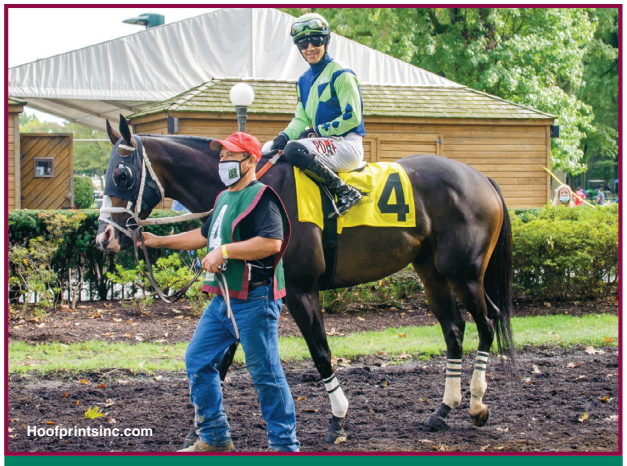


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# Eleven North and Who's the Cowboy

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*Multiple stakes-winning siblings Eleven North (left) and Who's the Cowboy enjoy retirement on the farm of their birth.*

The last thing one would expect to find amidst a bustling retail metropolis is a Thoroughbred nursery. But tucked behind a row of evergreens on the busiest stretch of asphalt in Clementon, N.J., is exactly that.

Sleeter Farm is the 50-acre homestead of former trainer Gerald Sleeter and his wife, Carolyn. Gerald, who turned 80 Oct. 1, was born on the property. The Sleeters raised their family there. They also bred, raised and raced some of the best runners in the New Jersey Thoroughbred industry. Two–multiple stakes-winning siblings Eleven North and Who's the Cowboy–are retired on the farm.

A 26-year-old daughter of Northern Idol and the Better Arbitor mare Image's Image, Eleven North was foaled on the farm in 1994 and raced for the family from 1996-2001–winning 16 times in 40 starts for Gerald and the Sleeters' son Kevin as trainers.

Eleven North's path to success was anything but clear sailing. The quirky and problematic youngster needed some resourceful creativity to actually get to the races. She was broken at the farm by Pete Van Trump, who years later made headlines as the exercise rider of Smarty Jones. As there is no training track on the property, Gerry Sleeter vanned his charges to Atlantic City.

"Well, they couldn't load Eleven North," Carolyn said. "They ended up backing her into the trailer and she rode all the way to Atlantic City backward. When she started going to the track, she would refuse to gallop and just lie down on the track. The exercise rider there was Billy Hamer, and every day he would take her out on the grass to work with her late in the mornings. She would draw a crowd, people watching to see what she was going to do."

Security guards eventually broke up the sideshow, telling Hamer that he'd have to move to the training track. The filly did work through her issues and began galloping again, but then decided that she didn't like the starting gate.

Starter Robert "Spec" Alexander, who passed away last year at age 80, put it pretty simply to the Sleeters.

"This filly is smarter than my whole gate crew," he told them.

Eleven North ended up being backed into the gate when she ran, and won three of five starts in her first season (1996) to be crowned New Jersey-bred champion 2-year-old.

"The first thing that Gerry did was go buy a side-loading trailer for her," said Carolyn.

Eleven North made every one of her 40 starts in New Jersey. Among her stakes wins were the Little Silver, Thomas J. Malley, Luvinheriseasy, Wistful Handicap and two runnings of the Fair Haven Handicap. She headed home to Sleeter Farm at age 7 to start life as a broodmare with $459,755 to her credit.

Eleven North produced 11 foals, the best of whom was her first, Flirtatious Smile. By Not For Love, he won nine times and earned $380,225 in 80 starts. Eleven North holds the distinction as Gerald's top money-earning runner during his long training career. Monmouth Park paid tribute to the mare with the creation of the Eleven North Handicap, a 6-furlong contest for fillies and mares.

In 2002, Eleven North's dam Image's Image foaled a colt by farm stallion Intensity. Carolyn wanted a cowboy-themed name for the sturdy bay grandson of Gone West. She submitted several names referencing champion rodeo

cowboys, but all were rejected by The Jockey Club. Her solution came from a very unexpected source.

"My dad passed away a year or so before, and my mother shined his cowboy boots up and put them next to his chair where he always sat. Her great-granddaughter came in one day to see her; she was about 3 years old. Seeing the boots, she put her hands on her hips and said, 'So who's the cowboy?' She thought my mother had a boyfriend. So when my mother told me that story, I said I was going to submit that name."

To devotees of New Jersey racing, it became a household name. Trained by Kevin, Who's the Cowboy won eight stakes races at Monmouth Park for the Sleeter family from 2005-08. His name is inked as the winner of several of New Jersey's premiere events including the Icecapade Stakes and Colts Neck Handicap twice, as well as the Friendly Lover Handicap, Rumson, City Zip and Teddy Drone Stakes. He was named state-bred champion sprinter of 2006.

The Sleeters lost him in August 2010 when Gary Contessa claimed him for $25,000 at Monmouth Park for owner Maggi Moss. Heartbroken, they kept tabs on the gelding–which was no mean feat. Who's the Cowboy changed hands eight times in three years after the Contessa claim, running in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. He made 17 starts in 2011 at age 9. He surpassed $1 million in earnings that year when he won an optional claimer at Monmouth for trainer Peter Walder and owner Island Wind Racing. He was claimed out of that race for $15,000 by trainer Chuck Spina for George O'Malley.

Who's the Cowboy was running for a $5,000 claiming tag at age 11 in 2013 for Law Legacy Stable and trainer Skip Einhorn. The Sleeters contacted the connections and expressed their desire to have the horse back upon his retirement. After two lackluster efforts that season, Einhorn reached out and honored their request.

The Sleeters prepared a paddock especially for their homebred. Who's the Cowboy returned home the conquering hero with a record of 88-20-16-14 and $1,138,867 earned after a nine-season career. Reschooling him for a life after racing was a consideration, but the idea was vetoed by the horse himself.

"A girl came out to try him," Carolyn said. "She lunged him for a bit, did all kinds of circles with him. And that night he colicked, so that was the end of that. He never left this farm again."

That paddock remains his kingdom, and he's doted on and treated like the star he is. He's still strong and spry at 18. And the only horse he will allow to share his space is his older sister, Eleven North.

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# Horses deliver, for everyone, in 2020 Preakness

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The Preakness was already weird.

But 2020 may have been the weirdest. Maryland's signature Thoroughbred race, anchored in its spot as the second leg of the Triple Crown for decades, was moved to October as the final stop in the series and run without spectators in attendance at Baltimore's Pimlico Race Course. The Covid-19 rules allowed for backstretch workers, trainers, race officials, essential staff, limited owners and even more limited media access.

So what was it like? Weird, man, weird.

Those last three words are borrowed from trainer Bob Baffert, who came to Baltimore with the Kentucky Derby winner–which didn't seem weird at all. Of course, Authentic won the Derby in September, almost three months after Tiz the Law won the Belmont Stakes in June. Second in the Derby, Tiz the Law skipped the Preakness in favor of some rest before the Breeders' Cup Classic.

"It's all messed up," Baffert said of the 2020 Triple Crown, racing, life in general while standing outside the stakes barn at Pimlico two days before the Preakness. "The thing is, we just feel fortunate. At least we get to run. It looked bad there for a while."

A Baffert Derby winner felt normal, but even he wasn't sure what to expect going into that race and he had similar thoughts about the Preakness–which he's won seven times.

"It didn't feel like the Derby until the gate opened," he said. "When the gate came open, then it felt right. OK, it's on. I think it's going to be the same here. It's not going to feel like it, but when the gate opens it's going to be the Preakness again. You'll feel it."

The Hall of Famer was right. Nothing felt like the Preakness at Pimlico that day. Bomb-sniffing dogs greeted cars at the gate on Hayward Avenue. The old, mechanical odds boards in the empty grandstand clicked and blinked for no one. The buglers practiced their calls to the post in the empty clubhouse. The notes seemed longer, slower, sadder. Behind a bay of deserted mutuel windows in the clubhouse, the Woodlawn Vase waited its trip to the infield winner's podium while surrounded by Baltimore police officers and a military honor guard. Along the inside rail, Pimlico's 1-2-3 floral arrangements went carnations, roses, black-eyed susans instead of roses, black-eyed susans, carnations. Individual hospitality tents for a few owners and a smattering of other dignitaries lined the apron, extending more than a furlong up the stretch in space that would normally hold thousands.

Even the sounds were different. Nobody sing-songed, "Black-Eyed Susans" in a cadence unique to the Preakness while hawking drinks in souvenir glasses. No one tried to take flash photos of horses in the indoor paddock, so the security guard didn't have to yell, "No flash photography" 6,182 times (perhaps more) like normal. She missed that added responsibility. Trainer Steve Asmussen's whistling and finger-snapping encouragement of Wicked Whisper in the Miss Preakness could be heard from yards away, and he was wearing a face mask. In response to racial unrest in the nation, the Maryland Jockey Club eliminated the singing of the state song "Maryland My Maryland" during the post parade. A poem written by James Ryder Randall in 1861, "Maryland My Maryland" encourages the state to secede from the Union and join the Confederacy. State legislators led by House Speaker Adrienne Jones are looking to replace the song in 2021, and MJC is all in. Without the thumping music and overflow crowd, jockeys could be heard encouraging their mounts in the stretch. Owners in the upstairs box seats were able to offer "Good luck" calls to jockeys in the Preakness post parade, and the jockeys replied.

But, as Baffert predicted, when the starting gate clanged open the Preakness became the Preakness again–as good and unpredictable and fantastic as ever.

The horses don't know a thing about the world health crisis. They don't know the pain and uncertainty of 216,000 lives lost in the country. Horses don't watch the news, and lose all mental focus. They don't worry about their jobs, or whether their aging parents are safe. And the horses delivered in the 2020 Preakness. Swiss Skydiver seized control of the lead with a decisive move on the final turn, then thwarted Authentic's challenge in the stretch. For three-eighths of a mile, they raced as a team–separated by a neck at the finish in the second-fastest Preakness in history.

After everything–sickness, delays, uncertainty–the horses put on a show at the 2020 Preakness.

And there was nothing weird about that. ✹

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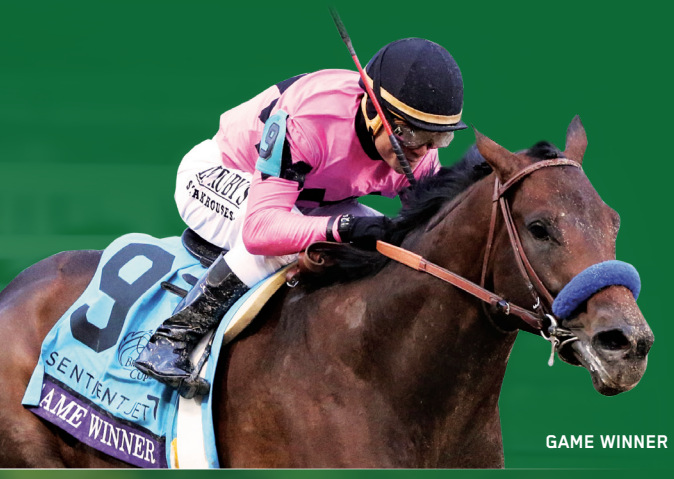


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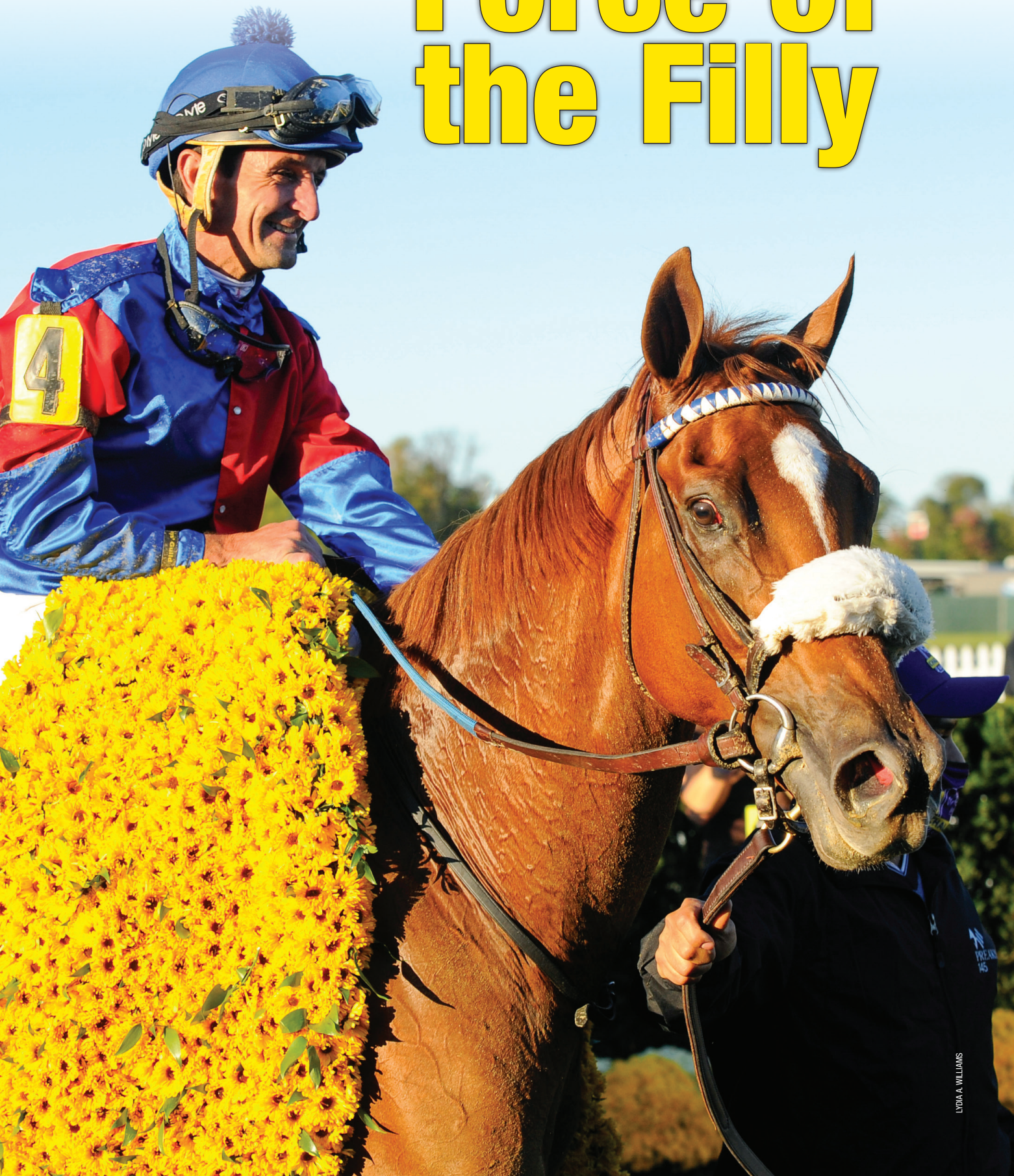


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# *Swiss Skydiver proves resolute in history-making score for McPeek*

*By Joe Clancy*

Kenny McPeek held the hose in one hand, the shank in the other. Water splished and splashed this way and that. As her trainer talked and unwrapped mint after mint, Swiss Skydiver just stood there, like a lead pony, somebody's foxhunter, maybe a veteran turf horse trying to make one more start before the autumn weather went the wrong way.

"She likes this," McPeek said of the hosing, the mints, the attention. Indeed, Swiss Skydiver would have probably stood there all day.

Such is the life of a Grade 1-winning filly a day before taking on males in the Preakness Stakes-G1 at Pimlico Race Course. Moved to Oct. 3 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the race's 145th running lured 11 entrants led by Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Authentic, unbeaten-this-year Art Collector, Derby third Mr. Big News and Derby paddock scratch Thousand Words. Swiss Skydiver, whose busy 2020 included a win in Saratoga's Alabama Stakes-G1 and three other graded stakes against her gender plus a second behind Art Collector against males in the Blue Grass-G2, provided the only other major storyline. Despite watching his filly finish second in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 the day before the Derby, McPeek aimed higher.

"There's plenty of time to run against older fillies and mares," he said, keeping the hose running and the mints coming. "There's only one window to run against straight threes. We looked at the numbers real close on the race. How would she fit against some of these? We felt that she definitely fit. It wasn't like we were bringing a 30- or 40-1 shot. The other option was grass, which she would love and I eventually want to try her on it, but not yet."

Swiss Skydiver had won a Grade 1 against fillies, so the Grade 2 Black Eyed-Susan really didn't make much sense – especially considering the $1 million Preakness purse (compared to $250,000) and McPeek's belief in his filly's fondness for added distance. While shorter than the 1¼ miles of the Alabama and Derby, the 1 3/16-mile Preakness provided the right test at the right time under the right circumstances.

JIM MCCUE

*Trainer Kenny McPeek (left) follows Swiss Skydiver into the infield winner's circle at a largely empty Pimlico after the Preakness.*

*In front turning for home, Swiss Skydiver (white shadow roll) digs in against Kentucky Derby winner Authentic as the rest of the field tries to keep up.*

"She's going to have to run the race of her life, and some others might need to regress," McPeek said. "I also think the extra distance is her thing. The race you saw in the Alabama, the mile-and-a-quarter is no problem. She'll keep going. A mile-and-an-eighth, she's run well at it, but I think she's better going farther."

The next day, she went out and proved him right–holding off Authentic by a neck in the second-fastest Preakness in history. Swiss Skydiver covered the distance in 1:53.28, behind only Secretariat's 1:53 in 1973, after simply refusing to get passed in the stretch. She is the sixth filly to win the Preakness and first since Rachel Alexandra in 2009. Longshot Jesus' Team wound up third, 9¾ lengths behind the top two, as Art Collector settled for fourth and Thousand Words faded to eighth.

Sent off at nearly 12-1, Swiss Skydiver broke sharply from post four and cleared the horses to her inside (Art Collector, Mr. Big News and Excession). Jockey Robby Albarado looked to his right early and let Thousand Words assume command. Authentic followed his Bob Baffert-trained stablemate as Swiss Skydiver was fifth on the rail and behind the top two, Pneumatic and Art Collector, as the field passed the finish line the first time.

After an opening quarter-mile in :24.48, the leaders accelerated on the backside and got the half in :47.65 in pretty much the same order. In the three path, Authentic took a short lead as Albarado moved around Thousand Words and gave his filly a little rein coming to the three-eighths pole. Heels and hands down, the jockey hadn't asked for much but felt an immediate response as he went from stalking to dictating.

"On the backside a couple horses started coming back to us," said Albarado. "She was in my hands doing it within herself and I had to make a conscious decision. Do I jump in there now and let it be a match race or do I sit back, wait and let things unfold? She'd been training so good and instilled so much confidence in me this week. Every day got better and better and better. She took me there within herself."

After 6 furlongs in 1:11.24, Swiss Skydiver led by a neck as Authentic kept pace and Art Collector came under pressure inside of Pneumatic. Swiss Skydiver and Authentic exited the turn side-by-side and well clear of the others. John Velazquez shook up the Derby winner and hit him left-handed despite the tight quarters as the outside horse looked poised to wear down the leader. Authentic dug in and drew closer. Albarado pulled his whip through to his left-hand late, asked for everything–finally–and Swiss Skydiver came out to meet the challenge. Velazquez went right-handed, Authentic's nose got to her white shadow roll but no closer as Swiss Skydiver held firm.

The jockeys exchanged fist bumps on the gallop-out, respectful of a race between hard-trying horses. One flight

*Robby Albarado (right) and John Velazquez talk it over after a stretch duel that rivaled any in Preakness history.*

up in the outdoor box seats near the finish line, McPeek let out a long can-you-believe-it? laugh, hugged his wife Sherri and–for about a second–let a fraction of doubt creep into the celebration.

"We did get up, right?"

The angle from McPeek's seat was a little funny, Pimlico's finish post is wide, it was a big moment but–yes–they got up. Purchased by McPeek for $35,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2018, Swiss Skydiver made history and made her trainer sound like a psychic in that Friday morning hosing session.

"I think she runs better at a 48-second first half-mile," he said. "What you do after that is up to you. As long as the first half-mile doesn't get overly aggressive for her, she gets in a nice rhythm and makes her run. If she can do that, she'll be 1-2-3. I'm not going to press the pace or try to control it or try to get involved in it, I want Robby to be a good passenger that first half-mile, get in a nice rhythm and go from there."

Fifth after a half-mile in :47.65, Swiss Skydiver did her part, jumped into the race when the inside path opened and led at every call from there. Watching it unfold, McPeek smiled and remembered his pre-race conversations. Albarado only picked up the mount because Tyler Gaffalione stayed in Kentucky due to travel restrictions for jockeys and learned about the filly by watching replays, riding her in the morning and listening to McPeek.

"If she takes you there, let her because that's her," trainer told jockey. "If she takes you to the quarter pole and you haven't cut her loose yet, you'll win."

She took him. And she won.

In an era where horses' campaigns seem to get shorter, Swiss Skydiver was making her ninth start of 2020 (the most in the field).

The schedule started in January at Tampa Bay Downs, where the daughter of Daredevil finished fifth in the Gasparilla Stakes at 7 furlongs. A month later, she finished third in the Rachel Alexandra Stakes-G2 at Fair Grounds. In March, it was Gulfstream Park and a win in the Gulfstream Park Oaks-G2 at 1 1/16 miles. When the traditional spring 3-year-old calendar got turned upside down because of the pandemic, McPeek sent Swiss Skydiver to Oaklawn Park and a win in the Fantasy Stakes-G3 May 1.

She made it three in a row by romping in the Santa Anita Oaks-G2 in California June 6. Swiss Skydiver stretched to 1 1/8 miles in the Blue Grass, and finished second to Art Collector, at Keeneland July 11.

Extended another furlong in the Alabama Aug. 15, she dominated–opening up by 6 lengths and coasting home by 3 1/2 over eventual Black-Eyed Susan runner-up Bonny South. McPeek thought about trying males again in the Kentucky Derby, but opted for the Oaks and Swiss Skydiver wound up second to Shedaresthedevil.

"She loves to run. She's had a couple races that were pretty easy on her. She didn't run hard in California and when she won the Alabama she just did that in a canter."

– Trainer Kenny McPeek, about Swiss Skydiver's 2020 schedule

If you're keeping score, and everyone was, that was eight races at as many racetracks in six states and a start in every month of the year except April. Through it all, Swiss Skydiver thrived. She ate, she trained, she bloomed. Baffert, whose filly Gamine was third in the Oaks, recognized it at Pimlico.

"She's unbelievable how she keeps her weight," the Hall of Famer said Thursday morning. "Gamine got so light on me. Those two trips to New York really just got her, knocked her out. Swiss Skydiver went everywhere."

And handled it. McPeek gave credit to his filly, and said he wouldn't have tried the schedule if she showed any signs of not thriving.

"I think she likes the traveling and I haven't seen her fatigued once all year," he said. "She loves to run. She's had a couple races that were pretty easy on her. She didn't run hard in California and when she won the Alabama she just did that in a canter. The Blue Grass might have been the hardest race she ran. She was second that day and I think the fractions kind of wilted her a little bit. She might have gone a little quick. She ate up in an hour that night. Most fillies might not eat for three days after a race like that."

At Pimlico, she trained early–somebody called it "Dark 15"–with Albarado aboard and then spent time with her trainer, who posted hotwalking videos on Twitter, letting her stop and stare at every corner, and brought her outside for those hosing sessions. They made him think of the early days of his racing career in the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey.

"When I started out working for Shug, this was my number-one job," McPeek said of hosing horses' legs. "Phil Hauswald taught me. You've got to hit it just right, so it does both legs. See there? I was a professional at this. You aim it so it hits one leg and glances off and hits the other too. It works better if you cut the nozzle off the hose. I had a bucket (to sit on) then. At certain stages, my only job was hosing and holding for the blacksmith."

Now, he's known for buying quality yearlings (chief among them Hall of Famer, two-time Horse of the Year and 2007 Preakness winner Curlin), training a deep stable with more than $4 million in earnings this year, serving a variety of Thoroughbred clients through his Magdalena Farm in Kentucky and Summerfield Training Center in Florida and for co-founding the Horses Races Now racing phone app.

The 2020 path to the Preakness took him back to his early days as a trainer.

"It's nice," he said of a chance to focus on one horse for a while. "When I had [1995 Derby and Preakness starter] Tejano Run I had a lot smaller outfit and I spent a lot of time with him. This reminds me of that. We taught him silly pet tricks and things. He was a really cool horse and you know these good ones are so few and far between you really need to relish it. She's all class, easy to be around. She really makes our job easy."

Shopping for Callahan at Keeneland September, McPeek found Swiss Skydiver deep in the catalog as Hip 2997 in the Select Sales consignment. Bred in Kentucky by WinStar Farm, she was from the first crop of Daredevil. Her dam Expo Gold (by Johannesburg) won and had produced two winners. The rest of the catalog page included some quality–the Grade 3-placed Clouds of Gold, Mid-Atlantic stakes winner Mister Business and 10-time winner Starlight Cove–but nothing to advertise future stardom. McPeek is rarely all that concerned with catalog pages, however.

"I don't discriminate," he said. "I work the auction. I look for horses that have the body to do it. The only reason they're not in earlier books is because their pedigrees haven't popped. It's where I started buying horses. My first clients would send me to Books Six and Seven and they would send me to Fasig October so I learned how to do it. Now I've got a bigger budget, but I short-list horses according to their physicals and I stick to them."

Swiss Skydiver fit the description. Callahan said yes, but gave all credit to his trainer.

"He picked her, told me there was a small vet issue but it was nothing he couldn't handle," said the owner. "I figured we might get a little discount. He told me early on she could really run. He said he wasn't sure how far she could run, which is funny. Now he says she can run forever."

Retired from a career in publishing and communications (he was once the principal shareholder in a company that owned the *National Enquirer*), Callahan got into racing via a racing partnership in the 1980s.

"My father's Irish and the Irish love horses and when I was a kid we used to go to Central Park in New York City and I used to love to ride the carousel," he said when asked if he had any horse background. "I was in the magazine business, had a client who bought remnant advertising space, and he taught me a lot and did a lot of business with me. One day we were having breakfast and he said, 'I'm starting a horse partnership and I want you to invest.' This guy was buying a lot of advertising from me and I wasn't going to say no."

Callahan was a "passive" investor in the venture and it didn't do much, but he stayed in when they did not and has had his share of success. He campaigned Grade 1 winner Bevo among others with trainer Billy Badgett in the 1990s and went to the Breeders' Cup with McPeek and Beautician in 2009. In partnership with Runnymede Farm and/or Catesby Clay, Callahan bred Grade 1 winners Collected and Awesome Gem among others.

The owner calls Swiss Skydiver a horse of a lifetime and realizes she's a long way from his introduction to the sport.

"We knew we had a good one in November [2019] when she started the first time," he said a few days after the Preakness. "We bet and we made a ton of money. We had no idea she was a stake horse because it was one of those restricted races [by auction price] and we weren't sure of the level of competition, but she's just gotten better every time she's run. We're dancing in the high clouds now."

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*The 2020 Preakness winners (from left) Sherri McPeek, Kenny McPeek, Paige Albarado and Robby Albarado raise the Woodlawn Vase.*

Callahan didn't get a chance to dance at Pimlico, as he stayed in New York and watched on television with his family. They'd made the trip to Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Oaks, and nearly came to Baltimore before opting out. Blame Covid-19.

"We were going to drive down but late in the week the president came down with the coronavirus which set off alarm bells with my family," he said. "I'm a 78-year-old guy with pre-existing conditions. Fancy term, but I've got a totally compromised immune system. When the president got it, I guess they figured anybody could get it. We decided Thursday we were not going to go to Baltimore."

As much as he hated to miss it, he was fine with the decision and called the televised version a huge thrill. He watched with daughters Christine and Carolyn and granddaughters Cameron and Callie. Swiss Skydiver gets her name from Callie, who jumped out of a plane over the Alps while on a study-abroad trip in college.

"We whooped it up pretty good," Callahan said of the reaction. "In the end it worked out because if we drove three hours down there and lost, the three hours home wouldn't have been any fun and after she won we would have wasted three hours driving when we could have been celebrating."

Callahan loved seeing McPeek and Albarado explain how it happened, and recognized their joy.

"I couldn't help but face the fact that the spotlight was on the two guys it should have been on–Kenny and Robby," the owner said. "What does an owner do? He gets up, accepts the trophy and says three words. Everybody wants to talk to the trainer and the jockey anyway. Kenny's wife Sherri got to accept the trophy, and she did a brilliant job. I would have screwed it up. I might have cried."

**NOTES:** Marylander Annie Finney rode Art Collector all week, filling in as an exercise rider for Tommy Drury on the recommendation of her former boss Neil Howard. Finney rode Horse of the Year Mineshaft and others for Howard, and also galloped classic winner Palace Malice and others for trainer Todd Pletcher. These days, she's back in Maryland and rides for trainer Cyril Murphy on owner Irv Naylor's farm. Though she's not getting back on the national racing scene, she enjoyed the brief return. "It's kind of fun to get to be fancy for a couple days," she said Thursday morning. "He seems like a really smart horse, he's so cool, I love him. I would like to keep him. He knows the drill. He's very easy to ride and pretty much does everything on his own. I just sit there." Scratched the week of the Derby with a minor foot injury, Art Collector was fourth, his first loss of 2020 . . . Owners of Preakness starters and others on the card were able to use railside hospitality tents on the Pimlico apron, but otherwise attendance was limited to essential personnel only–trainers, assistants, racing officials and limited media . . . Just one horse, Max Player, started in all three Triple Crown races. He was third in the Belmont Stakes in June, fifth in the Kentucky Derby in September and fifth in the Preakness . . . Maryland-based jockeys Jevian Toledo (third aboard Jesus' Team), Sheldon Russell (sixth with Excession), Horacio Karamanos (ninth with Ny Traffic) and Trevor McCarthy (11th with Liveyourbeastlife) picked up Preakness mounts. ✹

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## *Fans hang on to memories after missing 2020 race*

Everything is different. If 2020 had a theme—in racing, the country, the world, life in general—that would be it. Going to the grocery store requires a face mask and hand sanitizer. School parking lots became drive-through virus-testing facilities. The NBA played its playoff games at Disney World. The World Series followed a 60-game baseball season.

And the Preakness Stakes, the region's most significant race, moved to October and was the last (instead of the second) leg of the Triple Crown. Baltimore's Pimlico Race Course was closed to spectators, which meant no raucous infield, no boxholders in fancy hats, no traffic jams and an end to plenty of normal activities surrounding the great race—which dates to 1873.

The race went on, and was one of the best, but for many 2020 ended Preakness attendance streaks, canceled backyard watch parties and altered traditions. Through its social media channels, *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* reached out for Preakness stories from readers. Led by writer Sara Gordon, we found three of the best. Here's hoping we see them—and everyone else—at the Preakness in 2021.

### Curtis Hine—Baltimore, Md.

*Fan and Thoroughbred owner. First Preakness: Snow Chief (1986). Saw every Preakness through 2008 (except 1989) and plenty since then.*

"I grew up in Catonsville and my first exposure to horse racing was I'd go with my mother and grandmother to Timonium. My mom had an uncle who used to run horses at some of the half-mile tracks, and she would live out there and walk hots. Growing up, I had very little exposure to horses, but would go to Timonium and have a lot of fun. Then in high school I would go with my dad a couple times to

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Pimlico and Laurel and started in college going to the Preakness. I went to college in Virginia [James Madison] and would haul as many fraternity brothers who could fit in a car, and we'd all road-trip up to my parents' house. My poor parents put us all up and we would go every May. I did not see many horses during that time, it was mostly the infield experience.

"The one I missed . . . I had just graduated college and had gone to live in the Outer Banks and watched Sunday Silence and Easy Goer from a small TV in the restaurant where I was working. That was just incredibly exciting. Then I didn't really miss any after coming back and it was mostly just going in the infield with friends from college and then, around the time I turned 30, I actually moved to New York City and I had some co-workers who were into horse racing and we went to Belmont Park and I fell back in love with it.

"When I moved back home in 2001, I met a gentleman who became a very dear friend Jim Ferguson. Jim had a party and I was walking through his house and up on his study he had a couple of winner's circle pictures and I remember grabbing one and running out and saying, 'You own racehorses?' And we struck up a really good friendship. He was looking to get a little better involved and he and I decided we would go to the 2-year-old sale and buy some racehorses. I want to say this was back in 2005 and we had a good friend who at the time, she had the funds to kind of jump in and she just saw my enthusiasm for it so the three of us—Jim, Jean Thomas and I—had a few racehorses. I did not have a financial interest in it, but Jim and Jean were the brawn and we had a couple racehorses. We didn't really have any great success.

"As owners, we were in it just for fun, we were not any kind of big time, but we all went to the Preakness and we were like 'OK, we obviously are not going to do the infield.' We started off when they did Top of the Stretch and it was clearly the most memorable experience I ever had at the Preakness, watching the horses come around the far turn and watching [2005 winner] Afleet Alex go to his knees, like literally in front of us. You could practically reach out and touch the horses. We learned after the first year that you wanted to be in the very top row because then you could get a view of the backstretch and you could also see all of the insanity in the infield. That first year we did the top of

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the stretch, for all of the route races on the dirt, they would back up the starting gate right after the race went off, right in front of the TVs. I was getting really frustrated, so I sent an email. I remember asking [the Maryland Jockey Club's] Phoebe Hayes and literally sending her an email and she got it fixed immediately. And she was like, "Oh, of course." And I was a nobody. We had so much fun and then we graduated to Turfside Terrace.

"I've been with my husband since 2003, and it was our second date and my sister bought us tickets to the Preakness and that's where we saw Funny Cide. It was in the rain, it was like 50 degrees, it was freezing cold and misty and that's when I knew somebody liked me because he would stand there. We were in the clubhouse seats but out on the apron and it was just rainy and cold and the viewing wasn't that great, but I was just thrilled that I could have these great seats, and now he's kind of hooked on horse racing too.

"I still kind of curse myself for missing the Rachel Alexandra race [in 2009]. At least I saw Afleet Alex in front of me, but how did I miss Sunday Silence and Rachel? Very frustrating. And I missed American Pharoah because I had a newborn. Children get in the way of having disposable income, easily disposable income. But the great thing is we live in Bolton Hill and for us to always go is a family tradition. We'd always assemble on the Friday with my parents; we'd like to go on Black-Eyed Susan Day because it's half the crowd but just as much fun and food and great racing, and it's such an easy trek from Bolton Hill to Pimlico. So it was really frustrating to watch [the 2020] races because it was beautiful, the weather was perfect, and you're just like 'Ugh.'

"I had Swiss Skydiver in my picks and of course I threw her out because she came in second to Art Collector earlier in the year. I had her, but then I didn't. Watching it, I was thrilled, I was so excited to see a filly win. Even though I didn't win any money. It's not about winning, it's about watching just a really thrilling race and watching her eyeball-to-eyeball with him brings back Rags to Riches and Curlin in the Belmont and Sunday Silence and Easy Goer, just so much fun. And being at Pimlico, you're right on top of the racing and I know I'm really excited they're going to be rebuilding Pimlico but it will always be my favorite racetrack, since I was a little kid going there. It still just has that feeling and it's really just exciting and fun and super friendly and welcoming. It doesn't matter who you are or what level you are, it's always a good time."

## Jack Sadler—Aiken, S.C.

*Marylander and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' vice president of operations. Bee Bee Bee (1972) was his first Preakness. He hasn't missed many since.*

"I grew up on Joppa Road, in Ruxton, and I went to school at St. Paul's and when I went to Washington and Lee [in Lexington, Va.], between my freshman and sophomore year I got a job as a hotwalker at Sagamore Farm. Frank Alexander was the farm manager. So the next year, I went back to try and get a job and Frank had left, but by the grace of God he was there for some reason, and told me if I didn't get a job to give him a call. I got home, the phone rang five minutes later and he said he'd pick me up at the end of my driveway and take me to Delaware Park every morning. We figured out at the end of the summer I made 70 cents every hour and he said I was grossly overpaid.

"In 1979 he became the private trainer for Dogwood Stable, and in 1981 I ended up on the farm in Greenville, Ga., for Dogwood. So I was with Dogwood Stable, actually my relationship with Cot Campbell lasted 42 years. One of the best Preaknesses of all was 1990. Summer Squall won and I was there and [*MAT* editor] Lucy Acton came up to me and said, 'Jack you just all won the Preakness, how do you feel?' And my wife Susan said, 'Don't forget our marriage and the birth of our two children before you answer that question.'

"My dad had a box at Pimlico for as long as I can remember. I would always go to the Preakness and when I was in college I'd drive up Saturday morning and go. When I lived in Georgia for six years and when my wife and I moved to Aiken in 1986, we would go up. I can't honestly say every year, but I can't remember what years we didn't go. Because it was a good excuse to go see family and all and my parents lived 5 miles from Pimlico, so we would always go up for that and bring the children. We'd hit Ocean Pride for our crab fix. And my dad passed away in 2008 and Pimlico let me take over the box. So I have a box at Pimlico, of course it's a two-seat box but they put two more chairs in there for Black-Eyed Susan and Preakness Day, so we'd always come up for that.

"This year is the first year I've missed in I don't know how long. We had our Black-Eyed Susans. My wife looked up a recipe. The difference between living in South Carolina and living in Maryland is the importance of college football. My wife went to Georgia and our son went to Alabama, and so on Preakness Day, we were kind of going back and forth between Preakness and college football. But, of course, we saw the Preakness. Traditionally we'd always come home from Pimlico and have shrimp and crab meat crackers, and so that's what we had for dinner here on Preakness Day.

"I thought [2020] was one of the most exciting stretch duels since Alydar and Affirmed, and Sunday Silence and Easy Goer. I was happy to see Kenny McPeek win just because I've known Kenny for a long time. He trained horses for Dogwood, and whenever we see each other he always says hello, beats me to it. So I was very happy to see those connections win it.

"My family has had a box at Timonium, probably since the 1930s. My grandfather had it and that's how I got interested in racing. One of the most amazing races I've ever seen was, I was sitting in the box at Timonium, this 2-year-old race going a half-mile, and a horse was last going into the turn and he circled the field and won. Bee Bee Bee won at Timonium and won the Preakness the next year [1972].

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"I grew up thinking the Preakness was a more important race than the Kentucky Derby. I guess, with my job and all now, the Derby probably carries a little more weight, but I always thought the Preakness was more important. Winning with Summer Squall was just so special. Cot Campbell told everybody at the barn, I was the assistant trainer at the time, if we ever have a horse run in the Kentucky Derby he wanted the people in Aiken to have the opportunity to experience it. Summer Squall was going to the Kentucky Derby and we had 30 horses here. I said, 'Look, I'll stay here if I can go to Baltimore for the Preakness.' And so I did stay here for the Derby [where Summer Squall finished second], but got to go to Baltimore for the Preakness. It was Dogwood's first Triple Crown race win. Summer Squall was always a special horse to me because when he was a yearling and a 2-year-old, I spent a lot of time at the end of the shank with Summer Squall and I've always thought he was one of the greatest athletes I've ever been around.

"Mr. Campbell announced his retirement in 2011. He and Aron Wellman got together and Eclipse was given access to all the Dogwood partners and clients, but part of the deal was he had to take me also. So I've been with Eclipse for about six years now. We won the [2019] Black-Eyed Susan with Point of Honor. And I'm hoping we have a horse for the Preakness next year."

## Sandra Hess – Laurel, Md.

*Avid fan, spent her life going to the Preakness with her mother Irene Florence Hess. Irene went to 75 consecutive Preaknesses, before passing away this summer at age 96. Sandra went to most of them with her, as a family tradition.*

"She went to 75 Preaknesses and never missed one in all those years. My mother was Easy Goer and I was Sunday Silence [in 1989]. My mother picked Easy Goer when we were just watching him in the Kentucky Derby and I said 'Oh, I like Sunday Silence,' and she looked at me. I don't know a whole lot about horses. Anyways, she said, 'Oh, you're not gonna win this, you're not gonna win this,' and I said 'Oh, yes I am Mom. That beautiful black horse is going to beat yours.' And that was the closest race, you know nose to nose. I did win, which everybody knows.

"I was a young girl when [1953 Preakness winner] Native Dancer ran, because I was born in '44. He wasn't the nicest horse, he would really snap at people, but I loved him. There's something about him, if you looked at his eyes, and looked at his face, there was a determination in that horse. And my mother and my father both looked at that horse, and my dad said, "Go for Native Dancer in the Preakness." Of course I couldn't bet, so my mother did. She won a $1,000. And that's what paid for my brother's braces. They won $1,000, my mother couldn't even close her purse. She came in the house and just threw it down and she says, "Can you believe this?"

I kept watching the races. And then I started going. We had two rows at the Preakness, the same rows we've had since the 1960s, and we never missed. Even to watch Secretariat, oh my god, it was unreal. We loved the Big Red. I didn't really call him Secretariat, I called him Red, because that's what he was. He was a big, red horse. And of course he won. I always loved Secretariat, but Native Dancer was something very special in my mother's heart, my father's heart.

"My dad passed away in '89, but we still kept going. My mother and I would bicker about different horses and it's funny, I didn't bet the same horses she did. Sometimes she won and sometimes I won.

"We're all from Maryland. Born in Baltimore City, not far from Pimlico. We only went once a year, well I did, my mother couldn't go every day once we were all born. Even after she had neck surgery, she still went to the Preakness. She was not missing her Preakness and that is no joke. This is the first year I couldn't go, well because we couldn't, and our seats are gone. It was just like a family thing. She was my mother, but she was also my best friend. And we would just sit and talk about horses.

"When we had a chance to go to Sagamore Farm, she was so excited. My mother all these years, I used to ride, but my mother had never touched a horse. Katelyn [Lamp] was riding and she was standing there, and I took mom over and I said, 'Mom, I want you to feel the horse. Feel how nice and soft and around the muzzle.' She was so excited. She was in her 90s now. Of course she realized now how really big they were. You see them down below and you know they're big, but you don't realize how big and how strong. When she touched him, the look on her face was a look I'll never forget. The expression was like, 'Oh my god, am I really touching this? This is a real-life horse.'

"Her first Preakness was 76 years ago now. Seventy-six years ago. She just loved going to the races. She went every day for over 15 years, until the accident happened with her neck, and then she had to stop. But she kept up a little bit with it. When Preakness came, forget it, she was going. It didn't matter what, she was going to the Preakness.

"It became a family thing after that. Her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, we all came. And it was a wonderful thing because it was something we all shared and it was fun.

"Swiss Skydiver, I was going to bet her if I was there. And then I was going to box Authentic and Skydiver. I was for the filly, are you kidding? I was for the filly. It's about time, after Rachel Alexandra.

"I was at last year's Preakness and I won. And the year before that I won. They all said, 'What did you bet on?' and I said, 'I liked the name.' I liked the name. There was something about the name I liked and I know it wasn't the best, but sometimes you look at the horse and I mean, they're all gorgeous, they're beautiful, they're the cream of the crop, but sometimes that's how I used to bet.

"I live in Laurel now, because when I worked at [the National Institute of Health] I couldn't travel back and forth from Randallstown. But it didn't matter, I'd still pick my mother up every Preakness and we'd go down." ✹

# Working Man's Horse

## *Laki comes through for Dilodovico in De Francis*

*By Joe Clancy*

Two minutes to post in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes-G3 on Preakness Day at Pimlico and Damon Dilodovico is busy, really busy. A military honor guard is coming through the paddock with the Woodlawn Vase–one of the most valuable trophies in sports with an estimated replacement value of $4 million–and Dilodovico is at least partly responsible for the timing of the live television show going out to millions. He gets instructions through an earpiece, relays updates through a microphone. The honor guard, and the 30-pound trophy are early. Dilodovico tells them to wait, organizes a table (a grateful soldier shakes out his arms) and lets his bosses know it's all under control.

Behind him, the De Francis horses jog past on their way to the gate. If Dilodovico notices, he doesn't show it. The television guy, who works for Maryland Jockey Club contractor International Sound, also trains De Francis starter Laki–a multiple stakes-winning Maryland-bred seeking the big time in the $200,000 sprint.

Happy with the trophy, the schedule, the timing, Dilodovico finally heads to the rail to watch. As instructed, Horacio Karamanos hustles Laki away from post four in the six-horse field and finds a spot just behind Krsto Skye, heavy favorite Landeskog and Admiral Lynch. In tight leaving the backside after a first quarter in :22.96, Karamanos checks a little and gets Laki outside after a half in :45.03.

Krsto Skye leads to the stretch, but gives way, Landeskog fades, Nitrous runs on for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. Laki just keeps chugging, and wins a tight–really tight–photo by a nose over fellow Maryland-bred (and Laurel Park-based) runner Eastern Bay with Nitrous another nose back in third. Dilodovico hugs his son and assistant Nicholas, wife Christine and daughter-in-law Sarah and then tries to get back to his other job before his boss Joe Gordon says it can wait. It's the trainer's first graded stakes win, and everybody wants him to take part in the trophy presentation and post-race interview.

So he does, smiling faintly, talking for his horse, looking overwhelmed by it all–and fretting that television timeline. Eventually, the soldiers deliver the Woodlawn Vase across the track to the infield and Dilodovico exhales.

And talks about his horse–a 7-year-old son of Cuba who won for the 10th time in 28 starts while pushing his career earnings to $683,662. The chestnut finished second in the 2018 De Francis, third in the 2019 General George Stakes -G3 and lost two other graded tries (both at Pimlico). Laki opened 2020 with a stakes win at Monmouth Park, then finished second in his next three starts, the last the Polynesian Stakes at Laurel to Eastern Bay. Dilodovico didn't give the De Francis, which moved to Pimlico and the Preakness card this year, much thought and figured he'd wait for Laurel. Laki is Maryland-bred, but not Maryland Million-eligible, which costs him an opportunity other local sprinters typically have.

"I knew I was not running at Pimlico because he's had such bad luck here, but he just came out of the race so well we said we had to try it," Dilodovico said. "The races in New York are taking some of the salt away so maybe it was a little bit easier than some years, but man he ran well. I always thought he would like this track and he was 0-for-2 with poor performances which he normally doesn't give. I just thought we'd give it one more try. It's a big race. It's in our state."

And everybody was rooting for him. As Laki rallied in the stretch, pretty much of all of Pimlico–limited to a few hundred people instead of a hundred-thousand-plus due to the coronavirus pandemic–leaned for the wire and shouted. Dilodovico heard it, felt it.

"Honestly, all the people around me I think were rooting for Laki because it was so loud, that was awesome," he said. "It felt like a full house on Preakness Day. I really

*Laki digs in late to win the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash for trainer Damon Dilodovico's first graded stakes victory.*

appreciate all that support, it made it even more special."

Owned by Connecticut horseman Buck Kalinowski's Hillside Equestrian Meadows, Laki made his debut for Dilodovico in November 2016—and finished last at 41-1. He won his next four and has been a force ever since, capturing the Not For Love, Polynesian, Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial, Frank Whiteley and Oceanport Centennial stakes. Every start has come in the region, all but six in Maryland.

"He's incredible," Dilodovico said. "We send him home every year for a break and don't have to worry about how he's going to come back. Buck knows horses through and through and does a great job. Laki came back this year the same as usual."

Dilodovico talked strategy with Karamanos beforehand and stressed the importance of establishing a position early.

"Be in front of all the [stuff]," he told the jockey. Karamanos did that, and even though he got pinched back a bit at the start of the turn was in a spot where it didn't cost him.

"Horacio got him to a good part of the track," Dilodovico said. "They went pretty quick the first quarter and when he got in the stretch I thought 'Oh my God, he might get there.' That was a tight photo. Live, I thought we won. When they put the replay [of the stretch run] up, I thought we got beat. I thought, 'This might hurt.'"

Laki made sure it didn't, and Gordon and company made sure Dilodovico got to enjoy it even if he was right back to television work afterward. As rewarding as training horses is, Dilodovico gets a thrill out of his other job too.

"When we were growing up, starting out training, we had three kids and no health insurance so I had to find something to do," Dilodovico said. "I've been there since 1998. It's a great company to work for and I get to do a lot of interesting stuff. Preakness is always a lot, so today was pretty special."

## Maryland-bred wins Pimlico Special

Trainer Claudio Gonzalez landed a big punch for the locals as well when Harpers First Ride pulled a mild upset in the Pimlico Special Stakes-G3 to close Friday's card. Bred in Maryland by Sagamore Farm, the 4-year-old Paynter gelding was plucked out of a $30,000 maiden claimer at Churchill Downs last September—his third start and only win for Sagamore and trainer Gary Hartlage. With the claim, Gonzalez figured

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*Angel Cruz made sure everyone knew who won the Pimlico Special on Friday's card as he and Harpers First Ride upset Owendale (blinkers).*

he was simply adding a useful Maryland-bred to bring back to the base at Laurel.

"He had his conditions, they have the bonuses and things in Maryland so it made sense for us," Gonzalez said. "Then he got better and better. He proved every race that he was a better horse. Even in the morning, when he breezed, when he galloped, he showed me he was better than we thought."

Harpers First Ride won his first two for Gonzalez last fall, finished fourth in a starter allowance at Aqueduct, and opened 2020 by winning a two-other-than allowance at Laurel in January. He added two more allowance wins in June and July and after two defeats became a stakes winner in the Deputed Testamony at Laurel Sept. 5. That win, over Cordmaker (third in the 2019 Special), convinced Gonzalez to think about this year's renewal of the historic race.

"The last race, when we beat Cordmaker, we thought 'Come on, we have to take a shot,'" Gonzalez said.

Run at the Preakness distance of 1 3/16 miles, the 2020 version drew a field of seven led by millionaire and favorite Owendale plus defending race winner Tenfold, multiple stakes winner Cordmaker, the hard-hitting Pennsylvania-bred Someday Jones and longshots Clubman and Forewarned.

Third in the 2019 Preakness, Owendale opened 2020 with a win in the Blame Stakes at Churchill and was bet down to 4-5 for Rupp Racing, trainer Brad Cox and jockey John Velazquez.

Nobody told the Marylanders to be intimidated however as Angel Cruz guided Harpers First Ride from post seven to the rail and took the race right to the favorite. The leaders put up fractions of :24.41 and :48.41 before quickening to the mile in 1:35.94. Harpers First Ride edged clear in the stretch despite switching to his left lead late and won by 2 lengths with Owendale holding second by a half-length over Cordmaker after 1:54.97 in the $250,000 race. Owned by MCA Racing Stable, Harpers First Ride won for the eighth time in 14 career starts and pocketed $150,000 to get to $422,080 lifetime. He's the first Maryland-bred winner of the race, founded by Sagamore's Alfred Vanderbilt in 1937, since Include in 2001.

Gonzalez laughed at the idea of thinking he was getting a graded stakes horse via a $30,000 claim.

"I was not thinking of this, and I was not thinking we could beat [Owendale]," he said. "He is a really tough horse. I thought we were going to run good, but I didn't think we were good enough to beat him. If we were second to him, we would have run a very good race. I didn't know he could beat that horse."

For Gonzalez, who has led the Maryland trainers' standings since 2017 and owns or shares 13 meet titles at Pimlico and Laurel, the win felt like one for the home team.

"Every year, the other guys win this race," he said. "This year, I'm from here, the horse is here, like a local. That race has a big history and to win that one is very special for me."

## Johnson, Trombetta double up

Owner/breeder Larry Johnson and trainer Mike Trombetta picked up two stakes wins as A Great Time came through in the $100,000 The Very One Stakes on the turf as part of the Thursday card and Never Enough Time added the Skipat on the dirt early Saturday. Despite the names, the Maryland-breds are not related.

A Great Time needed almost every yard of the 5-furlong The Very One as she rallied from 15 lengths behind to win by a length over a yielding turf course. The daughter of Johnson/Trombetta runner Street Magician was 11th of 12 after 3 furlongs, but found her best stride late for jockey Julian Pimentel and ousted Mr. Al's Gal and Ode to Joy with a final push to become a stakes winner in her 19th start.

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The 6-year-old mare is out of Short Time, who raced for Johnson in the 1990s and produced (among others) Grade 1 winner Victor's Cry.

A Great Time finished third in the License Fee Stakes at Belmont Park in July, and was aiming for a Saratoga start until rain got in the way. Instead, she finally got to run in a Presque Isle Downs allowance Sept. 15.

"It didn't rain for a week before or a week after but the day she was supposed to run it rained and we had to scratch," Trombetta said. "We brought her all the way back, tried again to get her in, no luck. I went to Presque Isle just because we had to run somewhere. That worked great because it was probably a good tightener for this. She needed every ounce today. To win a stakes with her is really cool and she's been close a couple of times. I'm happy for her."

Entered for the main track only in the The Very One, Never Enough Time got her chance two days later in the Skipat, setting the pace throughout, kicking away in the stretch and then hanging on late to win by three-quarters of a length over Bronx Beauty with Bye Bye J a head back in third. A 4-year-old daughter of Munnings, Never Enough Time was making her second consecutive Preakness week start as she finished fifth behind eventual female sprint

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*Owner/breeder Larry Johnson, trainer Mike Trombetta and jockey Julian Pimentel picked up two stakes wins during Preakness Week at Pimlico as (top) 6-year-old mare A Great Time rallied late to capture the The Very One Stakes on the turf Thursday, Oct. 1. Two days later, 4-year-old filly Never Enough Time sprinted clear to take the Skipat Stakes.*

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*Miss Marissa (red cap) turns for home ahead of a crowded group of pursuers in the Black-Eyed Susan, renamed this year in memory of Park Heights community leader George Mitchell.*

champion Covfefe in the 2019 Adena Springs Miss Preakness Stakes-G3.

"That set her back a year," Trombetta said with a laugh on his way to the winner's circle. "She didn't want to see Covfefe again, but what a nice filly."

Like A Great Time, Never Enough Time goes way back with Johnson as he raced her first three dams What Time It Is, Star Kell and Special Kell. Never Enough Time won her first two starts, then ran into Covfefe and closed 2019 with a fourth in the Alma North at Laurel before missing almost a year due to knee surgery. She rehabbed at Johnson's farm in Bluemont, Va., under the care of Jonathan Smart, before going back to Trombetta this spring.

"I try to get them almost up to breezing if not breezing," said Smart, who started with Johnson in August 2019. "We've got a three-quarter mile synthetic track and can get them going."

Smart paid credit to the filly, who handled the prep work with aplomb.

"She's all class," said the former champion steeplechase jockey. "She does everything right, no problems. They live out basically all the time, even in the winter. I think she was out with four or five other fillies. I don't put back shoes on them because they're out there together. Mike's done a wonderful job with her. We basically just try to get miles in them so they can go on to Mike. He and Larry are a good team. They've won a lot of races together."

Never Enough Time finished ninth in her return in June, and followed up with an allowance win at Monmouth in July, a second at Laurel in August and a win in the Alma North at Laurel Sept. 5.

Johnson and Trombetta picked up an important graded-stakes placing with another Maryland-bred when No Mo Lady was third in the Gallorette Stakes-G3 Saturday.

## Confidence pays in Black-Eyed Susan

When the Maryland Jockey Club announced October as the date of the 2020 Preakness and its accompanying races, owner Alfonso Cammarota got on the phone with stakes coordinator Coley Blind and–to put it bluntly–made a prediction about Miss Marissa.

"He told me he was going to run his horse in the Black-Eyed Susan," said Blind, "and he told me she was going to win."

Trained by Jim Ryerson, Miss Marissa did just that–upsetting favorite Bonny South by a neck after pushing the pace early. The daughter of He's Had Enough kicked away in mid-stretch for jockey Daniel Centeno, then held off the hard-charging Bonny South. A Juddmonte Farm homebred who finished second to Preakness winner Swiss Skydiver in the Alabama Stakes-G1 at Saratoga, Bonny South rallied from last and passed everyone except Miss Marissa. Hopeful Growth finished third in the race, renamed the George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan in honor of the Park Heights resident and community leader who died in June.

Cammarota was overjoyed afterward, and tried to explain his confidence from the summer.

"I had a lot of faith in my horse," he said. "I knew that she was a distance horse. We put her in a lot of races, 6-furlong races, 1-mile races, but we knew she could go long. My trainer said we have to start trying to go long."

Ryerson did indeed stretch out the Kentucky-bred, who broke her maiden going a mile at Belmont Park last year and finished third in the 7-furlong Ruthless Stakes at Aqueduct in January. Fourth in Laurel's Wide Country (also at 7 furlongs) in February, Miss Marissa got a short freshening and emerged in June with an eye on longer races. She finished fifth going 1⅛

miles on the turf at Belmont in June, won going 1 mile and 70 yards at Monmouth in July and led throughout going 1⅛ miles at Saratoga in August. At the same distance, the Black-Eyed Susan looked like a logical next spot.

"I thought she'd two-turn," said Ryerson after the win. "Last year she made me look like a fool when I tried it. Then this year she's won three in a row."

Cammarota (who has horses with Antonio Sano in Florida and Ryerson in New York) bought Miss Marissa for $11,000 at the Ocala Breeders Sales Co.'s October yearling sale in 2018.

"She is by He's Had Enough, who is a Tapit and Tapits always cost a lot of money," he said. "She was $11,000. What's the difference? I looked at the pedigree, I looked at the horse. They looked good so I said, 'I'll get the horse.'"

**NOTES:** The Maryland Jockey Club again offered bonuses to trainers for supporting the Preakness and its accompanying stakes races. Mike Maker edged 2019 winner Brad Cox and two-time winner Steve Asmussen to claim the top prize in the $100,000 Sentient Jet Trainer Bonus. Maker's 43 points, three more than Cox and Asmussen, earned a $50,000 bonus. Maker registered wins with Catman in the Laurel Futurity and Evil Lyn in the Hilltop and got stakes placings from Somelikeithotbrown, Hembree and Relentless Dancer. Cox and Asmussen tied for second with 40 points apiece, taking home $18,500 each. Cox won the Dinner Party Stakes-G2 with Factor This and Grade 3 Gallorette with Juliet Foxtrot (GB). Asmussen won the Chick Lang Stakes-G3 with Yaupon and Miss Preakness-G3 with Wicked Whisper. Graham Motion was fourth without winning a race as Invincible Gal (Selima), Wootton Asset (Laurel Futurity), Varenka (Gallorette) and Bye Bye Melvin (James W. Murphy Stakes) all finished second. Claudio Gonzalez rounded out the top five . . . Betting handle on the Preakess card was down nearly 50 percent from 2019 to $51,252,631 (on 12 races as compared to 14), following a similar decrease at the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes. All three Triple Crown races were delayed from their traditional spring dates and run without spectators or on-track wagering . . . The Preakness Day card ended with the $100,000 UAE President's Cup-G1 for Arabians and drew a field of 12. Paddys Day caught Uptown Cruisedirector in the final yards to win by a half-length for owner Jane Teutsch and trainer Nicole Ruggeri. ✹

# Preakness Week Stakes

**10/1 Chick Lang-G3** ($200K). 6 F. 3YO.

Winner: **YAUPON** (dk.b./br.c., Uncle Mo—Modification, by Vindication). B-Betz, Lamantia, CoCo Equine, Magers and Burns (Ky.). O-L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-John Velazquez. Time: 1:09.10. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Double Crown**. 3rd: **Relentless Dancer**.

**10/1 Jim McKay Turf Sprint** ($100K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **HOLLIS** (b.g., 5, Street Sense—Miss Inclined, by Pulpit). B-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable Ltd. (Ky.). O-WSS Racing and 4 G Racing. T-John Alexander Ortiz. J-Gabriel Saez. Time: :59.61. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Completed Pass**. 3rd: **Love You Much**.

**10/1 The Very One** ($100K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **A GREAT TIME** (b.m., 6, Street Magician—Short Time, by Clever Trick). B/O-R. Larry Johnson (Md.). T-Michael J. Trombetta. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:00.14. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Mr. Al's Gal**. 3rd: **Ode to Joy**.

**10/2 Pimlico Special-G3** ($250K). 1 3/16 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **HARPERS FIRST RIDE** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Paynter—Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful). B-Sagamore Farm (Md.). O-MCA Racing Stable. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:54.97. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Owendale**. 3rd: **Cordmaker**.

**10/3 Preakness-G1** ($1M). 1 3/16 mi. 3YO.

Winner: **SWISS SKYDIVER** (ch.f., Daredevil—Expo Gold, by Johannesburg). B-WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). O-Peter J. Callahan. T-Kenneth G. McPeek. J-Robby Albarado. Time: 1:53.28. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Authentic**. 3rd: **Jesus' Team**.

**10/3 Dinner Party-G2** ($250K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **FACTOR THIS** (b.h., 5, The Factor—Capricious Miss-GB, by Singspiel-Ire). B-Maccabee Farm (Ky.). O-Gaining Ground Racing. T-Brad H. Cox. J-Florent Geroux. Time: 1:46.17. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Somelikeithotbrown**. 3rd: **Hembree**.

**10/3 George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan-G2** ($250K). 1⅛ mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **MISS MARISSA** (gr./ro.f., He's Had Enough—Ardara, by Arch). B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky.). O-Alfonso Cammarota. T-James T. Ryerson. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:48.08. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Bonny South**. 3rd: **Hopeful Growth**.

**10/3 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3** ($200K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **LAKI** (ch.g., 7, Cuba—Truthful Dutch, by Swear by Dixie). B-Tom Michaels and Lorna Baker (Md.). O-Hillside Equestrian Meadows. T-Damon R. Dilodovico. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:09.70. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Eastern Bay**. 3rd: **Nitrous**.

**10/3 Gallorette-G3** ($150K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **JULIET FOXTROT (GB)** (b.m., 5, Dansili-GB—Kilo Alpha, by King's Best). B-Juddmonte Farms (Great Britain). O-Juddmonte Farms. T-Brad H. Cox. J-Florent Geroux. Time: 1:49.24. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Varenka**. 3rd: **No Mo Lady**.

**10/3 Miss Preakness-G3** ($150K). 6 F. 3YO F.

Winner: **WICKED WHISPER** (ch.f., Liam's Map—Zayanna, by Bernardini). B-Siena Farms (Ky.). O-Alex and JoAnn Lieblong. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:10.36. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Ain't No Elmers**. 3rd: **Sound Machine**.

**10/3 Laurel Futurity** ($150K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 2YO.

Winner: **CATMAN** (b.c., Kitten's Joy—Fab Flowers, by Lewis Michael). B-Steve Feiger and Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey (Ky.). O-Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher, John Piehowicz, Angelo Carlesimo and Michael J. Maker. T-Michael J. Maker. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:50.51. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Wootton Asset (Fr)**. 3rd: **Kidnapped**.

**10/3 Selima** ($150K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **FLUFFY SOCKS** (b.f., Slumber-GB—Breakfast Time, by Kitten's Joy). B/O-Head Of Plains Partners (Ky.). T-Chad C. Brown. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:50.74. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Invincible Gal (GB)**. 3rd: **Tic Tic Tic Boom**.

**10/3 Hilltop** ($100K). 1 mi. Turf. 3YO F.

Winner: **EVIL LYN** (b.f., Wicked Strong—Miss Relentless, by Mr. Greeley). B-Lantern Hill Farm, Phil Needham and Judy Needham (Ky.). O-Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher. T-Michael J. Maker. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:42.25. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Vigilantes Way**. 3rd: **Caravel**.

**10/3 James W. Murphy** ($100K). 1 mi. Turf. 3YO.

Winner: **DON JUAN KITTEN** (gr./ro.c., Kitten's Joy—Romance Project, by Not For Love). B-Cantrell Family Partnership (Ky.). O-Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey. T-Danny Gargan. J-Gabriel Saez. Time: 1:42.24. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Bye Bye Melvin**. 3rd: **Reconvene**.

**10/3 Skipat** ($100K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **NEVER ENOUGH TIME** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Munnings—What Time It Is, by Partner's Hero). B/O-R. Larry Johnson (Md.). T-Michael J. Trombetta. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:10.42. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Bronx Beauty**. 3rd: **Bye Bye J**.

# A New Reality

## Fall yearling sale hangs tough in face of Covid

By Joe Clancy. Fasig-Tipton Photos

The catalog cover featured black-eyed susans, an "After The Preakness!" kicker and photos of four recent star graduates, but this was October and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's fall yearling sale, not May and the company's sale of 2-year-olds in training.

Such is the life of a Thoroughbred auction company in 2020, but Fasig-Tipton really did host a yearling sale at its Timonium, Md., facility two days after the delayed Preakness took to the track at Pimlico Race Course 10 miles away in Baltimore. And lived to tell about it.

*The sales-topping Gun Runner colt looks for a new owner in the ring.*

"Overall, a very, very solid sale," Fasig-Tipton's Boyd Browning said after a nine-hour second session came to a close after 7 p.m. "Statistically, the average is virtually identical to last year, the median is identical to last year, the RNA rate is just slightly over 20 percent, gross is up significantly because of the bigger catalog. Under the circumstances of Covid-19 and its impact on 2020, we have to say it was a tremendous success in terms of being able to accomplish similar results to last year, which was a pretty good year."

From an original catalog of 573 including a supplement of 20, Fasig-Tipton offered 484 yearlings over two days, Oct. 5 and 6, and watched the gross zoom to $9,120,700 and the average reach $24,065. As Browning said, the gross was helped by a larger catalog due in part to the cancellation of the summer New York-bred yearling sale at Saratoga. New York-breds made up the first 154 hips in the sale, and the top four prices at the opening session, but were outrun by regional-breds overall as all three horses to surpass $200,000 were bred in the Mid-Atlantic and sold in the second session.

A Pennsylvania-bred Gun Runner colt brought $270,000 to lead the way. Hip 371, also Virginia- and Delaware-certified, was bred by Jon Marshall of Texas and part of the Becky Davis consignment. Davis knew the chestnut colt was popular with buyers, but also wasn't sure what to expect in terms of a final price.

"There was no reserve on that horse," she said. "I didn't raise my hand once. He had a lot of shows, and got scoped a ton so I kind of figured he'd sell well."

Marshall has horses with trainer Lynn Ashby, who is based at Sharp Farm in Middletown, Del., and typically keeps more horses than he sells.

"He had horses with me before and scratched them out of the sale and kept them to race so I'm happy to sell a good one for him," said Davis. "I've never met him, but he's a super guy to talk to on the phone and breeds good horses."

Ashby did the early prep work on the colt, whose second dam Lady Tak won two Grade 1 stakes and produced the dam of Grade 1 winner Volatile among others, and sent him to Davis two months ahead of the sale.

"Lynn said he was a little bit obnoxious and he was kind of studdish when he first came to us, but we didn't have any trouble with him really," Davis said. "He's been a dream, super easy to handle. When he got his own paddock at the farm, it was really good for him."

Danzel Brendemuehl made the purchase in the name of Bobby Lambe's Lambe Bloodstock, and will look to sell the colt next year as a 2-year-old racing prospect (probably in Fasig-Tipton's Miami sale).

"I was gobsmacked at how athletic he was," said Brendemuehl. "He was not the biggest horse in the sale, but just an athlete. I know what he'll be."

Brendemuehl and Lambe opened at $100,000 and then outbid trainer John Terranova to land the sales-topper. Like Davis, Brendemuehl liked what she saw once he got to Florida.

"I turned him out in a paddock by my house and he was motoring around there at first," she said. "He's a pretty mover, a really pretty mover. But he's a very mellow fellow now. I put him in the colt barn and he's happy, he goes out in his paddock and tools around for a little and then just drops his head and grazes."

Hip 451, a Maryland-bred Flatter colt from the consignment of Northview Stallion Station and breeder Richard Golden's Sycamore Hall Farm, wound up the second-highest price at $250,000 and represented plenty of familiarity on both sides of the equation.

"Mr. Golden is staying in Florida now and sold his house in Maryland next to Sycamore Hall," said Northview's David Wade, who also manages Sycamore Hall. "Nick Beaver bought the house and after-

## TOP-PRICED YEARLINGS

### Colts

**$270,000.** Ch.c., Gun Runner—Stormy Tak, by Stormy Atlantic (Pa.); Becky Davis Inc., agent; Lambe Bloodstock.

**$250,000.** Dk.b./br.c., Flatter—Apple Cider, by More Than Ready (Md.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Bell Gable Stable LLC.

**$240,000.** B.c., Street Sense—Tanca, by Polish Numbers (Md.); Chanceland Farm, agent; Repole and St. Elias Stables, West Bloodstock, agent.

**$160,000.** Ch.c., Cupid—Gottah Penny, by Stravinsky (N.Y.); Eaton Sales, agent; Xtreme Racing Stables LLC.

**$135,000.** Ch.c., Kantharos—Fleetheart, by Northern Afleet (Pa.); Heart Hill Farms, agent; Tonja Terranova, agent.

**$130,000.** Ch.c., Street Boss—Lotta Lolly, by Smart Strike (Ky.); Knockgriffin Farm, agent; Lee Lewis/Mark Hennig, agent.

**$100,000.** B.c., Street Sense—Bird Secrets, by Birdstone (Ky.); Indian Creek, agent; Cary Frommer.

**$100,000.** B.c., Divining Rod—Reappearance, by Kafwain (Md.); Ken Lowe Jr., Bill Reightler, agent; Lael Stable.

**$92,000.** B.c., Blame—Lovely Stay, by Flower Alley (Pa.); Gracie Bloodstock LLC, agent; Darrs Inc./James Bredin, agent.

**$85,000.** Dk.b./br.c., Honor Code—American Victory, by Victory Gallop (Md.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; John Behrendt/Charles Marquis.

**$80,000.** Ch.c., Madefromlucky—Freedom's Flame, by First Samurai (Md.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Phil Schoenthal, agent.

**$80,000.** Dk.b./br.c., Practical Joke—Dynamic Deputy, by Deputy Minister (Md.); Becky Davis Inc., agent; The Elkstone Group LLC.

**$75,000.** B.c., Maclean's Music—Je Suis Tizzy, by Tiznow (Ky.); Bill Reightler, agent; Cary Frommer.

**$75,000.** B.c., Uncle Lino—Avani Force, by Forestry (Pa.); Beatrice Patterson and Vicky Schowe, Marshall W. Silverman, agent; Club Risque Stable.

### Fillies

**$140,000.** B.f., Malibu Moon—Fire of Freedom, by Street Cry (Ire) (Md.); CandyLand, agent I; Charles J. Zacney.

**$135,000.** Dk.b./br.f., Declaration of War—Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song (Pa.); Paramount Sales, agent X; BSW/Crow.

**$120,000.** B.f., Overanalyze—Heavenly Humor, by Distorted Humor (N.Y.); Hibiscus Sales; Cutair Racing.

**$92,000.** Dk.b./br.f., Lemon Drop Kid—Fairytale Ending (Ire), by Galileo (Ire) (Va.); Audley Farm Equine; Country Life Farm, agent.

**$92,000.** Ch.f., Fast Anna—Dance by Em, by Tapit (N.Y.); Harry L. Landry Bloodstock LLC, agent; Jack Knowlton for Sackatoga Stable.

**$80,000.** Ch.f., Kantharos—The Niagara Queen, by Langfuhr (Ky.); Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agent III; Gregory Tatum, Bill Reightler, agent.

**$80,000.** B.f., Cupid—Rubicon, by Mineshaft (N.Y.); Vinery Sales, agent V; BSW/Crow.

**$80,000.** Dk.b./br.f., Divining Rod—Written Request, by Arch (Md.); Sally Thomas, agent; EQB for Men's Grille Racing.

**$80,000.** B.f., Maclean's Music—Senate Caucus, by Siphon (Brz) (Va.); Corner Farm and John Behrendt; Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.

**$75,000.** Ch.f., Daredevil—Thunderous Lady, by Thunder Gulch (Md.); Becky Davis Inc., agent; Cary Frommer.

*Northview Stallion Station's Flatter colt stops the bidding at $250,000.*

ward he wanted to see what we had in the sale, so we showed him all the horses and he fell in love with this colt."

Beaver and his wife Delora race as Bell Gable and have horses with Jamie Ness and Anthony Farrior. After seeing the colt on the farm, they had every intention of buying him but didn't really count on spending $250,000.

"A lot of people buy homes for that price," said Nick, a contractor, "but if you're not confident about it, don't do it. He's a great colt. He has that intelligence. He knows already that he's a Thoroughbred."

With Delora on the telephone and Nick at the sale, they got to their $150,000 budget and went right past to $240,000.

"Somebody said 245 and she said we'd go one more and stop there," Nick said.

They did, and got their horse.

"My wife was the one, she kept coming back to the Flatter colt," Nick said. "I did too, but she really liked him so I just followed along. We went over our budget don't get me wrong. We've been in the claim game, and have our own babies coming up. This is the most expensive horse we've ever bought, but we've got plans for him. Hopefully, they're outside the Mid-Atlantic. You kind of hope this can be a Saratoga-type horse."

For now, he'll stay in Maryland as the colt headed to Merryland Farm for early training and a decision on where he'll go when it's time to get serious about becoming a racehorse. Bell Gable was up to 22 racehorses at one point, and Beaver would prefer a smaller operation with higher quality, a breeding program and some sales purchases. He grew up at Waterford Park in West Virginia, where his mother was a waitress in the clubhouse and his stepfather was a trainer. Beaver worked on the backside in the mornings, washed dishes at the track at night before joining the Navy and starting a successful contracting business.

"A couple of years ago we were doing well enough that we said, 'Let's get a racehorse,' " Beaver said. "We watched it all the time, so we claimed one and then we had four and then . . . We don't need 22 racehorses. We needed to go to about seven and improve our stock. We've been in the business for three years and we're trying to do the right thing. We didn't get into the business to make money, but we try to make good decisions. I said this is the first step of the new Bell Gable."

Another Maryland-bred completed the $200,000 trifecta as Chanceland Farm's Street Sense colt out of star broodmare Tanca brought $240,000 on a bid by West Bloodstock as agent for Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable. The half-brother to stakes winners Cordmaker, Las Setas and Corvus sold as Hip 383 and had the sales pavilion buzzing just 11 slots after the Gun Runner colt. West handles the inspection work for owners Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola, and is part of a team that includes Jim Martin, Eddie Rosen and Rory Babich on the pedigree side.

"I loved him physically, they loved the pedigree and it all came along," said West. "Mike and Vinnie stepped in to support us. He was a man among boys in my opinion, stood out physically, a big, two-turn looking colt that's also bred to get two turns. That's what Mike and Vinnie are looking for. He could have had no pedigree and you would have looked."

West said the owners bought 30 horses in Kentucky in September, and were underbidders on more than they bought. They zeroed in on a select few at Timonium, were outbid on several New York-breds in the first session, and landed the one they wanted in the second.

"They stepped up in a big way this year in what everybody perceived as a down market," said West. "They love the game, the game's been good to them and they've been good to the game. They're going to be around for a long time."

Like the colt's buyers, Chanceland partner Bob Manfuso was around for a long time too but was missed at the sale—the farm's first consignment since he passed away in March at 82. His death left Katy Voss to carry on without him. She missed him, but also said he would have been proud of the team.

"I was thinking about him for sure," said Voss. "We would go back and forth what reserves to put, stuff like that. We always nailed it with a couple, missed with

a couple and got it right with a few and that happened again."

Manfuso and Voss bought the colt's second dam Waltz as a yearling in 1997, won three races with her and added her to the broodmare band. Her foals included seven winners. Daughter Tanca (by Polish Numbers) has thus far matched her dam with another seven including Maryland Million Nursery winner Corvus, three-time stakes winner Las Setas and the stakes-winning and Grade 3-placed Cordmaker. Her six yearlings to sell have brought $492,000. The latest helped push Chanceland to $435,700 in total sales at Timonium.

"When he was born, I said he was going to be our Saratoga yearling but we know what happened to Saratoga," said Voss. "He's a lovely horse, a beautiful horse. What's not to like? He has a big heart, a great, big throat and his X-rays are clean."

Though Voss the consignor said all that, Voss the trainer might have wanted to add the colt to the racing stable.

"Somebody's got to pay for this operation," she said with a laugh, "so getting a nice price for him was critical. We're taking two home because they didn't bring what we wanted and I was hoping I could keep a couple to train so we're happy."

## New Yorkers

Though Fasig-Tipton created a New York-bred section of its yearling showcase sale in Kentucky Sept. 9-10, the cancellation of the summer sale at Saratoga left some yearling sellers without an outlet and that resulted in the expanded catalog at Timonium.

Things started quickly as a New York-bred Cupid colt (Hip 4) went for $160,000 and an Overanalyze filly brought $120,000 two hips later. Overall, 88 of the 119 New York-breds offered at the start of the sale sold for a gross of $2,279,600. The average for New York-breds in that first session was $25,905 with a median of $19,000. The horses helped deliver new buyers to Timonium including New York-based trainer Mark Hennig, Sackatoga Stable's Jack Knowlton (bidding with Barclay Tagg) and New York owner John Behrendt. Eaton Sales sold the $160,000 colt, a $52,000 weanling purchase last year at the Saratoga fall sale and one who was not going to make the summer session at Saratoga (had it happened).

"He needed time," said Eaton's Reiley McDonald. "Then we did not want to be up against it early in the Fasig-Tipton [Kentucky] sale and we didn't want to crack the yearling market in September. We just thought he'd be a standout here and we thought we'd get some New York trainers and they've been here."

*Chanceland Farm's Street Sense—Tanca colt joins the powerful stable of Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola after a $240,000 bid from agent Jacob West.*

Hibiscus Stable bred and sold the Overanalyze filly, a half-sister to stakes winner and $553,145 earner Funny Guy.

"She was going to sell at Saratoga originally," said Jon Taisey, of Hibiscus. "I think [the later date] probably helped us a little bit. We got a couple good updates. Her brother was fourth in the Forego in that crazy rainstorm at Saratoga and he ran second in the Vosburgh two weeks ago. I think it helped us but down in Timonium compared to the money that's in Saratoga at that sale it might have evened itself out at the end of the day."

## Consignor Views

McDonald sold horses throughout the sale, and stressed the importance of being realistic in the face of the economic challenges that accompanied the global health crisis.

"The September sales were down 30 percent across the board on average," he said. "It was tough work. Demand was reduced, and people were then able to be more critical of vet problems, but on the whole we were lucky to have options, we were lucky to get horses moved. I thought the Fasig-Tipton showcase sale was extraordinarily strong and Keeneland was strong enough to get us to move some horses."

At all sales in 2020, managing expectations became key for consignors. The goal, as always, was to sell horses.

"A lot of people did not reduce reserves [in Kentucky] to meet the market because they didn't want to," McDonald said. "That's an owner's prerogative, but everybody has to be cognizant that demand is limited and you have to keep reserves to a point where they will sell."

Based in Kentucky, Eaton wound up selling 11 horses at Timonium for $411,000 to crack the top eight by gross and average.

Another Kentucky consignor, Paramount Sales, was paced by a $135,000 Declaration of War filly bred and raised in Pennsylvania by Val McNeely of Equivine Farm. Liz Crow made the winning bid for BSW Bloodstock. The filly, a half-sister to stakes winner Newstome, was always going to Timonium and made her presence known.

"This is a beautiful filly," said Paramount's Pat Costello afterward. "She was a standout with us, a bit of a queen actually and she had some family too–lovely big hip on her and the brother's a very good colt."

Like McDonald, Costello managed expectations at the sales this year.

"September, at the end of the day, there was a lot of commerce there," he said. "I know it was down, but horses got sold. Here the horses that there were people on sold decent enough. It's just a strange time."

Marshall Silverman led all consignors in gross with $860,400, but got there with 48 yearlings sold. He was paced by a $75,000 Uncle Lino colt out of Avani Force (so a half-brother to stakes winners Call Paul and Pink Caddy) purchased by Club Risque Stable. Like his stakes-winning siblings, the Uncle Lino colt was bred by Beasie Patterson and Vicky Schowe. Silverman also sold Uncle Lino fillies for $70,000 and $60,000, and a Divining Rod colt out of Happy Refrain (so a half-brother to the Grade 1-placed Brucia La Terra) for $52,000.

Led by the second-highest price of the sale, Northview Stallion Station sold 29 yearlings for $745,700 and adjusted its strategy somewhat because of economic realities where demand for expensive horses is high but the mid- to lower-end horses struggle for bids.

"We sold 50 percent of our horses with no reserve just because you've got to do that in this climate unless you want to own a bunch of horses," said Wade. "The sale's been skewed for the last 10 plus years, but it's magnified now. It's a continual correction, it doesn't stop, but at some point I hope we get back to where you can sell some of those horses and keep the small breeders in business."

Wade isn't alone in his thinking. As Chanceland's Voss put it, the sales game can frequently be "chicken or feathers" for breeders, but that wasn't always the case. Wade and others blame a shift at the racetrack fueled by higher purses and claiming races.

"When purses got high, people stopped buying yearlings because they could claim horses and run for big purses without having to wait to get the horse to the racetrack," he said. "That hurt us at the sale, so that hurts the breeders. The sale used to be packed with trainers as buyers. Now those trainers are packing the claim box."

Northview sold an Honor Code colt out of American Victory for $85,000 to Behrendt and Charles Marquis. The Maryland-bred is a half-brother to stakes horses Victory Rally and Charmed Victory and from a deep family including Who Did It and Run, Giant Run, Who's Cozy and Hangover Kid.

"Overall, you always have horses you're not too happy with and you have horses you're ecstatic with but when it all comes together overall we're happy," Wade said. "We're taking a few home, we put reserves on the ones we were willing to keep and run. I'm very fortunate to be with the outfit I'm with. That option is there. Some people don't have that option to keep them and put them in the racing stable and they have to sell them for less than they might want to."

## Sales Company View

Though he was pleased with the sale's overall numbers and the support from buyers and sellers, Browning knows that all isn't well.

"The market's still not easy," he said. "There's a median of $14,000 and nobody that sells their horse for $14,000 or less is making any money. We all know that, but it's not significantly different if different at all from this marketplace last year."

And last year happened without a pandemic so holding ground isn't necessarily a negative for the time. Browning called Timonium's ability to attract a cross-section of buyers a strength, and hopes to continue building on that.

"People have a high level of confidence that there are a lot of good horses raised in this region by a whole lot of really good horsemen and horsewomen that maybe aren't the highest profile but are devoted to raising a good quality horse and do a really good job," he said. "You are within three or four hours of a lot of racetracks with a lot of trainers and owners that are looking for a variety of levels of horses – from New York to Pennsylvania to Maryland to Delaware to Virginia, but you also see participation by the Ocala pinhookers. You saw buyers from Kentucky, you saw buyers from California. When you look around this pavilion and you see horses like Gamine and horses like Plum Pretty and just looking at the signs . . . Afleet Alex, Got Stormy, Secret Spice, Concrete Rose it gives you confidence you can come here and buy a good horse."

# Midlantic Fall Yearling sales: a 10-year comparison

| | Gross | Average | Sold | Buy-back % | Sales topper |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2011 | $6,149,600 | $18,523 | 332 | 26.2 percent | $200,000. Brave Command, dk.b./br.c., Hard Spun—Lucky Lavender Gal, by Carson City; consigned by Paramount Sales, agent XV; purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC |
| 2012 | $6,166,100 | $22,341 | 276 | 15.3 percent | $300,000. Moonstone Magic gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon— Never Fail, by Holy Bull; consigned by Audley Farm Equine LLC, Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agent; purchased by Ellen M. Charles |
| 2013 | $7,469,900 | $25,847 | 289 | 13.7 percent | $250,000. Jambles, b.c., Quality Road—Chalonnaise, by French Deputy; consigned by CandyLand, agent IV; purchased by Bortolazzo Stables |
| 2014 | $6,023,900 | $21,905 | 275 | 27.6 percent | $260,000. Charmed Victory, b.c., Flatter—American Victory, by Victory Gallop; consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; purchased by Hillwood Stable LLC |
| 2015 | $5,228,800 | $19,083 | 274 | 25.3 percent | $200,000. Shimmering Aspen, gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon— Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted; consigned by CandyLand, agent III; purchased by Ellen M. Charles |
| 2016 | $6,436,600 | $24,017 | 268 | 17.0 percent | $450,000. First Mondays, ch.c., Curlin—Formalities Aside, by Awesome Again; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Charles J. Zacney |
| 2017 | $7,855,100 | $25,177 | 312 | 29.1 percent | $300,000. World Affairs, dk.b./br.c., Cairo Prince— Current Event, by Curlin; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Eisaman Equine |
| 2018 | $7,318,700 | $21,653 | 332 | 21.8 percent | $210,000. Kiss the Girl, b.f., Into Mischief—Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun; consigned by CandyLand, agent II; purchased by Three Diamonds Farm |
| 2019 | $7,275,900 | $24,253 | 300 | 21.2 percent | $190,000. My Oath, b.c., Honor Code—Mrs. Vanderbilt, by Citidancer; consigned by Bill Reightler, agent; purchased by Seagull Capital, Tim Hills, agent |
| 2020 | $9,120,700 | $24,065 | 379 | 21.7 percent | $270,000. Ch.c., Gun Runner—Stormy Tak, by Stormy Atlantic; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Lambe Bloodstock. |

*In 2004, a colt by Silver Deputy sold at this sale for $500,000 to set a record for the most expensive horse sold at public auction in Maryland and remains the most expensive yearling sold. The record price for a horse of any age sold at public auction in Maryland is $1.8 million for Gamine, a bay filly by Into Mischief consigned by Bobby Dodd, agent, who sold at the 2019 May 2-year-olds in Training Sale.*

*CandyLand bred and sold the top-priced filly, a Maryland-bred by Malibu Moon, for $140,000.*

**NOTES:** Owner Joe Besecker, who dispersed most of his horses at Fasig-Tipton's winter mixed sale last year, bought 16 yearlings for $226,000 . . . Grassroots Training and Sales, the pinhooking venture of David McKathan and Jody Mihalic, led all buyers with 15 purchased for $320,500 . . . Other buyers in the top five were more selective with BSW/Liz Crow buying four horses for $290,000 and Cary Frommer buying five for $263,000 . . . Sometimes the buyers' names at a Thoroughbred sale are a little too much. The 2020 list included Addiction Therapy Stables and 5 O'Clock Somewhere . . . Steeplechase trainers Julie Gomena, Leslie Young and Ricky Hendriks all jumped at an opportunity to buy horses bred by Hall of Fame trainer and steeplechase legend Jonathan Sheppard, who sold several yearlings with consignor Gracie Bloodstock. Sheppard's horses included a Blame colt out of the Flower Alley mare Lovely Stay sold for $92,000 to David A. Ross Racing Stable and agent James Bredin . . . The first yearlings from Maryland sire Divining Rod were part of the sale and helped him lead the way in gross with $582,200 from 24 sold. A $100,000 colt bred in Maryland by Ken Lowe and consigned by Bill Reightler led the way. The half-brother to four winners was purchased by Divining Rod's breeder Lael Stable. ✹

## STATISTICS BY SEX

| | *Colts* | *Fillies* | *Geldings* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sold | 197 | 178 | 4 |
| Gross | $5,207,600 | $3,889,100 | $24,000 |
| Average | $26,435 | $21,849 | $6,000 |
| Median | $15,000 | $13,000 | $6,500 |

## TWO-YEAR BID DISTRIBUTION FIGURES

| | | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | final *bid* | *no. sold* | *total amount* | *no. sold* | *total amount* |
| ≥ | $100,000 | 11 | $1,780,000 | 11 | $1,375,000 |
| ≥ | 75,000 | 13 | 1,066,000 | 15 | 1,236,000 |
| ≥ | 50,000 | 29 | 1,772,000 | 18 | 1,006,000 |
| ≥ | 25,000 | 74 | 2,368,000 | 50 | 1,620,000 |
| ≥ | 10,000 | 98 | 1,543,500 | 105 | 1,567,500 |
| ≥ | 5,000 | 57 | 371,600 | 58 | 372,300 |
| others | | 97 | 219,600 | 43 | 99,100 |

## TWO-YEAR FIGURES

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| Offered | 484 | 381 |
| Sold | 379 | 300 |
| % Not Sold | 21.7% | 21.2% |
| Gross | $9,120,700 | $7,275,900 |
| Average | $24,065 | $24,253 |
| Median | $14,000 | $14,000 |

## LEADING SIRES

**Gross Sales**

Divining Rod (24) . . . . . $582,200
Cupid (6) . . . . . 491,000
Street Sense (2) . . . . . 340,000
Uncle Lino (12) . . . . . 308,000
Kantharos (4) . . . . . 271,000
Gun Runner (1) . . . . . 270,000

**Average Sales (3 or more sold)**

Cupid (6) . . . . . $81,833
Kantharos (4) . . . . . 67,750
Declaration of War (4) . . . . . 49,250
Laoban (6) . . . . . 40,500
Maclean's Music (4) . . . . . 40,000
Practical Joke (4) . . . . . 38,000

## LEADING CONSIGNORS

**Gross Sales**

Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (48) ....$860,400
Northview Stallion Station
(David Wade), agt. (29).....745,700
Becky Davis, agt. (19).....631,000
Bill Reightler, agt. (33) .....566,400
Chanceland Farm, agt. (11) .....435,700
Indian Creek, agt. (11) .....428,000
Eaton Sales, agt. (11) .....411,000
Blake-Albina Thoroughbred
Services, agt. (14).....390,200

**Average Sales (3 or more sold)**

Hibiscus Stables, agt. (4) .....$57,750
Royal Bloodstock, agt. (3) .....43,000
Sarah Sharp Sales, agt. (3) .....40,667
Heart Hill Farms, agt. (5).....40,500
Chanceland Farm, agt. (11) .....39,609
Indian Creek, agt. (11) .....38,909
Eaton Sales, agt. (11) .....37,364
Becky Davis (19) .....33,211

## LEADING BUYERS

Grassroots Training & Sales (15)....$320,500
BSW/Crow (4).....290,000
Lambe Bloodstock (1).....270,000
Cary Frommer (5) .....263,000
Bell Gable Stable (1).....250,000
Repole and St. Elias Stables
(West Bloodstock, agent) (1) .....240,000
Joseph Besecker (16).....226,000
Q Bar J Thoroughbreds (5) .....200,000

# Youth Movement

## Two-year-old Singlino powers home with stakes for owner/trainer Worsley

BY CINDY DEUBLER. PHOTOGRAPHS BY HOOFPRINTS, INC.

Trainer John Worsley is a fit, 77-year-old lifelong horseman. But when his wife Yvonne said he was getting too old to keep getting on his horses, he conceded and quit galloping them this year. "I could still do it," he said. "I don't feel my age, let's put it that way."

What else can keep a horseman young? A talented 2-year-old in the barn. Singlino, an imposing hunk of horseflesh who became the first official stakes winner of Worsley's 44-year training career, fits that description after splashing home in Delaware Park's First State Dash as part of the track's annual Owners Day card Sept. 26.

Worsley acknowledged that Singlino was getting a bit tough to handle, and brought in retired jockey Abel Castellano to get on him in the mornings.

"He's a huge horse and he doesn't know his own strength. You got to be careful he doesn't knock you down," said the man who spent decades breaking yearlings at major farms in the region and beyond.

"I haven't measured him but he's at least 17 hands. He's a huge horse. He's like a cat–he's big but he's agile and very quick."

Even tacking the son of Uncle Lino up can be a challenge. "The saddle weighs about 15 pounds and it takes all my time to reach up there and get the saddle on him."

Singlino is the latest good horse Worsley has purchased from former employer Richard Golden's Sycamore Hall Farm.

With his connection to the farm and farm manager David Wade, Worsley has found gems without paying a lot of money. "Sycamore takes good care of their horses. They feed the best. The horses are big and strong, and it's a strength game. There's no messing around. You got to look after them when they are babies–because if you don't do that they don't turn out in my opinion."

The English native came to the United States with his brother when he was 17, and has been "a Jack of all trades" when it comes to working with horses.

"I still work hard. I've worked on farms all my life. I worked for Sycamore Hall for

**First State Dash Stakes winner Singlino towers over his happy connections, including trainer John Worsley (third left) in the winner's circle.**

10 years, I worked for Bob Levy for 10 years and broke all his yearlings. And I still break my own yearlings."

Worsley has trained a couple of horses every year since settling in at Delaware Park in 1961. "I've done all right," he said of his small stable. He rarely trains for anyone but himself. "If you're going to work this hard you are going to work for yourself. That's my theory."

Training a stable has been a side job for Worsley, whose career took him around the region, Kentucky and New York. He has averaged about 20 starts per year over the past 40 years.

"I've been around a little bit. I trained for Elmendorf Farm years ago when I was in my early 30s. When Max Gluck owned it–under Jim Brady, he was farm manager. I worked there eight seasons and then came back to Delaware. I worked for Mrs. duPont at Woodstock and galloped her good fillies. And I was an assistant trainer in New York."

One of his best early runners was Young Jedi. Purchased at a Maryland Sales Agency sale as a just turned yearling in 1982 for $2,500 from agent Ed Stevens, Young Jedi "was one of the best sprinters around here," said Worsley. "He was my first stakes winner at Charles Town, but tapped a horse coming out of the gate, won by 10 lengths and got taken down." Worsley sent Young Jedi to the post more than 120 times, won 17 races and saw him place in 33 others to earn over $180,000 before the horse left his hands after a claiming race at Delaware Park in May 1990.

He bought the filly Buff's in Love, the first foal by Northview stallion Buffum, from Sycamore Hall and she became the stallion's first winner in 2017. She broke her maiden at 34-1 at Delaware Park, came back to place third in the Small Wonder and Maryland Million Lassie stakes, and campaigned for Worsley until she was claimed in September 2019 for $35,000.

"I've had horses get claimed. But I learned a long time ago to not take horses back," he said, but adds for the right price he'd take back the mare Wowwhatabrat. He bought the daughter of Louis Quatorze for $5,000 from Murmur Farm's consignment at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. She was in his barn until claimed out of her next-to-last start of 2019, a Parx race Nov. 5, by trainer Jamie Ness for $10,000. The mare had run 63 times for Worsley, won five and earned nearly $250,000. She was stakes-placed at 2 in the Small Wonder and at 4 in Laurel Park's Geisha.

Singlino is out of the Sycamore Hall-bred Signaling, an unraced daughter of champion sprinter Smoke Glacken. The connection caught Worsley's eye and he sees the speed in the grandson. "Everyone keeps telling me to run him long, but he works like a sprinter," he said.

**Singlino, with rider Alexander Crispin aboard, makes his way from the paddock for his stakes debut.**

With his first stakes win, Singlino raised his career record to two wins from three starts, for earnings of $80,625. He broke his maiden by 7½ lengths at Delaware Park July 22 and won the First State Dash by 2 lengths after leading at every call. "He beat some good horses that day," said Worsley of the stakes win. "Dale Capuano's runner [Kenny Had a Notion, who finished sixth] has won a stakes since, and the fourth-place horse [Meet Me At Mundis] came back to win [a starter race at Delaware]."

Singlino was expected to be one of the favorites in Monmouth Park's Born To Run Stakes on the turf in early October but the card was canceled due to heavy rain and wind.

Worsley and Yvonne, who have been married 50 years, live behind Delaware Park. The horses usually stay at the track until mid-December when he turns them out at Marydel Farm in Middletown, Del. He used to work for Marydel owners Mary and George "Maje" Odom.

"My friends now own the farm and [the horses] go down there for the winter."

Also in his stable are Golden Lad full-brothers, 3-year-old Wye Mumbo and 2-year-old English Lad, and he has two yearlings at the farm.

"I'm going to keep going until I drop."

■ Whereshetoldmetogo doesn't have to win to make headlines. The chestnut gelding drew attention when second to Firenze Fire in the Grade 3 Gallant Bob Stakes

**Clockwise from top: Threes Over Deuces (#4) gets his first stakes win in the New Castle via the disqualification of Whereshetoldmetogo; Fact Finding becomes trainer Reeve McGaughey's first stakes winner in the DTHA Governors Day; Michael Cox's homebred Madame Meena gallops in the Tax Free Shopping Distaff.**

## September stakes results for Delaware Park

**9/26 First State Dash** ($100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO.

Winner: **SINGLINO** (b.g., Uncle Lino—Signaling, by Smoke Glacken). B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (Md.). O/TJohn E. Worsley. J-Alexander Crispin. Time: 1:05.11. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Maythehorsebwithu**. 3rd: **Latin Spice**.

**9/26 New Castle** ($100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up.

Winner: **THREES OVER DEUCES** (dk.b./br.g., 5, Flat Out—Cruelmore, by Forestry). B-Machmer Hall and Montese LLC (Ky.). O-Pocket 3's Racing LLC. T-Gary Capuano. J-Victor Rosales. Time: 1:10.42. Margin: (1½). 2nd (DQ from first): **Whereshetoldmetogo**. 3rd: **Golden Candy**.

**9/26 Small Wonder** ($100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO F.

Winner: **STREET LUTE** (ch.f., Street Magician—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute). B-Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman (Md.). O-Lucky 7 Stables. T-John J. Robb. J-Brian Pedroza. Time: 1:05.36. Margin: 5. 2nd: **Plane Drunk**. 3rd: **Hickory Dickorydoc**.

**9/26 Tax Free Shopping Distaff** ($100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **MADAM MEENA** (b.f., 3, Include—Good Tidings, by Came Home). B/O-Michael R. Cox (Pa.). T-Jamie Ness. J-Jaime Rodriguez. Time: 1:10.20. Margin: 8¾. 2nd: **Dancer's Melody**. 3rd: **Quiet Imagination**.

**9/26 DTHA Governors Day** ($75K). 1 mi. 70 yds. DE Strs. 3&up.

Winner: **FACT FINDING** (gr./ro.g., 6, The Factor—Sweet Belle, by Deputy Commander). B-Nursery Place and Partners (Ky.). O-Robert M. Evans and Bart B. Evans. T-J. Reeve McGaughey. J-Carol Cedeno. Time: 1:41.27. Margin: 11¾. 2nd: **Tudox Expectations**. 3rd: **Wait for It**.

**9/26 George Rosenberger Memorial** ($75K). 1 1/16 mi. Off Turf. DE Strs. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ARTFUL SPLATTER** (gr./ro.f., 4, Bandbox—Barouchka, by Not For Love). B-Ann Biggs Jackson (Md.). O-James C. Wolf. T-Kieron Magee. J-Alex Cintron. Time: 1:44.89. Margin: 10¼. 2nd: **Ujjayi**. 3rd: **Wildcat Cartridge**.

at Parx in September 2018 after trying to savage the winner approaching the wire. Just over two years later, his exploits once again drew attention, this time from the stewards as he crossed the wire first by a clear margin in the $100,000 New Castle Stakes on the Owners Day card, but was disqualified for lugging in in deep stretch. The beneficiary was Threes Over Deuces.

It was the first stakes win for the Gary Capuano-trained Threes Over Deuces, a 5-year-old son of Flat Out who made his debut in 2017 in the First State Dash, won by Whereshetoldmetogo. Purchased by Capuano as a yearling at the Keeneland September sale for $30,000, Threes Over Deuces is owned by Pocket 3's Racing. Six times stakes-placed, including a second in this year's Grade 3 General George Stakes, he won for the sixth time in 32 starts while pushing his earnings to $430,032.

■ Michael Cox's homebred filly Madam Meena recorded her sixth win in 10 starts, all this year, when dominating the $100,000 Tax Free Shopping Distaff for fillies and mares 3 and up that attracted a field of eight, all 3-year-olds. Making her Delaware Park and stakes debut, the daughter of Include shot to the front, set every fraction and drew off, hitting the wire 8¾ lengths the best in 1:10.20.

Trained by Jamie Ness, the Pennsylvania-bred filly launched her career with a win Jan. 7 at Parx and won when in for a $25,000 tag next out Jan. 24. She was risked twice more, for up to $40,000, through March, but not in her six starts since. Never worse than third since March, she has earned $191,450.

■ Trainer Reeve McGaughey sent out his first stakes winner when Fact Finding scored by nearly a dozen lengths in the $75,000 DTHA Governors Day Handicap. It was the second win in a row for Robert and Bart Evans' 6-year-old gelding, and the fifth win of McGaughey's career.

The 31-year-old son of Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey and veteran Kentucky horsewoman Mary Jane Featherston McGaughey saddled his first starter at Oaklawn Park in February. A former assistant for his uncle, Fact Finding's previous trainer Charlie LoPresti, McGaughey is based in Kentucky but sent the son of The Factor to Delaware Park twice, winning both. ✹

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# September stakes results around the region

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*Millionaire Runnin'toluvya was one of three Fiber Sonde-sired stakes winners on Charles Town's Sept. 19 card.*

## Charles Town

**9/19 Frank Gall Memorial** ($50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **RUNNIN'TOLUVYA** (gr./ro.g., 6, Fiber Sonde—Lov'emnrun, by Not For Love). B-Leslie G. Cromer (W.Va.). O-Grams Racing Stable. T-Timothy C. Grams. J-Christian Hiraldo. Time: 1:26.06. Margin: 1. 2nd: **North Atlantic**. 3rd: **Penguin Power**.

**9/19 Henry Mercer Memorial** ($50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 2YO.

Winner: **HOPPING HENRY** (gr./ro.g., Juba—Phone Jazz, by Phone Trick). B/O/T-Michael E. Sterling (W.Va.). J-Wesley Ho. Time: :52.89. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Youthinkthatsfunny**. 3rd: **Pilot in Command**.

**9/19 Rachel's Turn** ($50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 2YO F.

Winner: **THELADYISTRUE** (dk.b./br.f., Fiber Sonde—Longwood Lady, by Is It True). B/O/T-John D. McKee (W.Va.). J-Reshawn Latchman. Time: :53.85. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Shutupn'kissme**. 3rd: **Got Your Number**.

**9/19 Sadie Hawkins** ($50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **BRIDGING THE GAP** (gr./ro.f., 4, Fiber Sonde—Seetsang, by Fusaichi Pegasus). B-Don E. Cain (Ky.). O/T-John D. McKee. J-Reshawn Latchman. Time: 1:26.51. Margin: 4¼. 2nd: **See Ya Manana**. 3rd: **B's Wild Cork**.

## Laurel Park

**9/5 Alma North** ($100K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **NEVER ENOUGH TIME** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Munnings—What Time It Is, by Partner's Hero). B/O-R. Larry Johnson (Md.). T-Michael J. Trombetta. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:10.70. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Chalon**. 3rd: **Last True Love**.

**9/5 Deputed Testamony** ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **HARPERS FIRST RIDE** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Paynter—Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful). B-Sagamore Farm (Md.). O-MCA Racing Stable LLC. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:42.86. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Cordmaker**. 3rd: **Awesome D J**.

**9/5 Polynesian** ($100K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **EASTERN BAY** (b.g., 6, E Dubai—Chrusciki, by Polish Numbers). B-Nancy Lee Farms (Md.). O-Robert D. Bone. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:08.72. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Laki**. 3rd: **Threes Over Deuces**.

**9/5 Twixt** ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **WICKED AWESOME** (b.f., 4, Awesome Again—Mira Alta, by Curlin). B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky.). O-Warwick Stable. T-A. Ferris Allen III. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:43.33. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Artful Splatter**. 3rd: **Smooth With a Kick**.

**9/7 All Along** ($100K). 1⅛ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **NAY LADY NAY (IRE)** (dk.b./br.f., 4, No Nay Never—Lady Ederle, by English Channel). B-Stephen Sullivan (Ireland). O-First Row Partners and Hidden Brook Farm. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Victor Carrasco. Time: 1:51.88. Margin: 5½. 2nd: **No Mo Lady**. 3rd: **Beautiful Lover**.

**9/7 Federico Tesio** ($100K). 1⅛ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **HAPPY SAVER** (ch.c., Super Saver—Happy Week, by Distorted Humor). B/O-Wertheimer et Frere (Ky.). T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:49.15. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Monday Morning Qb**. 3rd: **Big City Bob**.

**9/7 Henry S. Clark** ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **DOCTOR MOUNTY** (b.h., 7, Street Sense—On a Roll, by A.P. Indy). B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver and G. Watts Humphrey III (Ky.). O-Larry Pratt and Dave Alden. T-Claude R. McGaughey III. J-Forest Boyce. Time: 1:44.98. Margin: 1¾. 2nd: **Ninety One Assault**. 3rd: **Serve the King (GB)**.

**9/7 Laurel Dash** ($100K). 5½ F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **COMPLETED PASS** (b.g., 6, Pass Rush—Christina's Gold, by Gold Token). B-Swifty Farms (Ind.). O-Robert D. Bone. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:04.41. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **So Street**. 3rd: **Love You Much**.

JIM MCCUE

*Happy Saver earned an automatic entry for the Preakness with his Federico Tesio win at Laurel, but bypassed the classic and instead went to Belmont and won the Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes-G1.*

**9/7 Weber City Miss** ($100K). abt. 1 1/16 mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **GRAND CRU CLASSE** (dk.b./br.f., Bernardini—Christmas Lass, by Lemon Drop Kid). B-Daniel J. Burke (Ky.). O-Speedway Stable LLC. T-William I. Mott. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:44.02. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Market Rumor**. 3rd: **Perfect Alibi**.

## Monmouth Park

**9/5 Red Bank-G3** ($150K). 1 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **ANALYZE IT** (b.h., 5, Point of Entry—Sweet Assay, by Consolidator). B-. Headley Bell, Nancy Bell and NATO (Ky.). O-William H. Lawrence. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:35.54. Margin: 1¾. 2nd: **Megacity**. 3rd: **Abiding Star**.

**9/6 Sapling** ($100K). 1 mi. 2YO.

Winner: **WAIST DEEP** (b.g., Oxbow—Flowing, by Tapit). B-Calumet Farm (Ky.). O-Super C Racing Inc. and John Huber. T-Anthony Farrior. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:39.54. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Pickin' Time**. 3rd: **Tapwood**.

### 9/7 **Sorority** ($100K). 1 mi. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **MISCHIEVOUS DREAM** (b.f., Into Mischief—Just Livin a Dream, by Trippi). B/O-Patricia A. Generazio (N.Y.). T-Christophe Clement. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:38.98. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Invincible Gal (GB)**. 3rd: **Tic Tic Tic Boom**.

### 9/12 **Mr. Prospector** ($100K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **SHARE THE RIDE** (dk.b./br.g., 5, Candy Ride-Arg—Belle of the Hall, by Graeme Hall). B-Dixiana Farms (Ky.). O-Silvino Ramirez. T-Antonio Arriaga. J-Ferrin Peterson. Time: 1:09.18. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **Awesome Anywhere**. 3rd: **Mind Control**.

### 9/13 **Regret** ($75K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **BRONX BEAUTY** (gr./ro.m., 5, Liaison—Forever Sunshine, by Rockport Harbor). B-Blackstone Farm (Pa.). O-2W Stables. T-Anthony R. Margotta Jr. J-Isaac Castillo. Time: 1:10.45. Margin: 4¼. 2nd: **Royal Charlotte**. 3rd: **Day by Day**.

### 9/20 **Salvator Mile-G3** ($150K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **PIRATE'S PUNCH** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Shanghai Bobby—Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon). B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky.). O-Gulliver Racing, Craig W. Drager and Dan Legan. T-Grant T. Forster. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:37.19. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Top Line Growth**. 3rd: **Bal Harbour**.

### 9/26 **Violet** ($100K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **SHE'S GOT YOU (GB)** (b.f., 4, Kingman—Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid). B-John Gunther (Great Britain). O-John D. Gunther and Tanya Gunther. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:42.50. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Altea (Fr)**. 3rd: **Lucky Stride**.

### 9/27 **Joey P.** ($75K). 5 F. Turf. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **LIKE WHAT I SEE** (b.g., 5, Bold Warrior—After the Applause, by Lost Soldier). B-Hal Snowden Jr. (N.J.). O-USA Thoroughbreds and David R. Lengel. T-Kelly J. Breen. J-Jose C. Ferrer. Time: :56.11. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Oak Bluffs**. 3rd: **Quiberon Bay**.

### 9/27 **Smoke Glacken** ($75K). 6 F. 2YO.

Winner: **PICKIN' TIME** (dk.b./br.c., Stay Thirsty—Born to Royalty, by King of Kings-Ire). B-John Bowers Jr. (N.J.). O-Roseland Farm Stable (Bowers). T-Kelly J. Breen. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:10.61. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Dalton**. 3rd: **Basso**.

## Parx Racing

### 9/7 **Banjo Picker Sprint** ($80K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN** (ch.h., 6, Uptowncharlybrown—Torchwood, by Speightstown). B-Godric (Pa.). O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud and Godric. T-Edward J. Coletti Jr. J-Roberto J. Rosado. Time: 1:10.65. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Midnightcharly**. 3rd: **Final Shot**.

### 9/7 **Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial** ($80K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **PINK CADDY** (ch.f., 3, El Padrino—Avani Force, by Forestry). B-Beatrice Patterson and Vicky Schowe (Pa.). O-Club Risque Stable and Gregory K. Quick. T-Randy Allen. J-Mychel J. Sanchez. Time: 1:10.97. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Sunny Dale**. 3rd: **Bronx Beauty**.

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*For the second time in their racing careers, full brothers Midtowncharlybrown and Midnightcharly finished 1-2 in a stakes, repeating their 2019 effort in the Banjo Picker Sprint at Parx.*

### 9/7 **Marshall Jenney** ($80K). 5 F. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **THE CRITICAL WAY** (dk.b./br.g., 6, Tizway—Critical Factor, by Star de Naskra). B-Blackstone Farm (Pa.). O-Monster Racing Stables. T-Jose H. Delgado. J-Ruben Silvera. Time: :57.21. Margin: 4½. 2nd: **Smooth B**. 3rd: **Admiral Abe**.

### 9/7 **Mrs. Penny** ($80K). 1 1/16 mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ITS A JOURNEY** (dk.b./br.m., 7, Jump Start—Lovely Senorita, by Not For Love). B-Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Szeyller (Pa.). O-Gap View Stables and Jagger Inc. T-Jamie Ness. J-Mychel J. Sanchez. Time: 1:44.48. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Puca Penny**. 3rd: **Wildcat Cartridge**.

### 9/7 **Storm Cat** ($80K). 1 1/16 mi. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **WAIT FOR IT** (b.g., 5, Uptowncharlybrown—Kimberley Diamond, By Posse). B-Fantasy Lane Stable (Pa.). O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud. T-Edward J. Coletti Jr. J-Anthony Y. Nunez. Time: 1:44.26. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Someday Jones**. 3rd: **Tudox Expectations**.

## Presque Isle Downs

### 9/28 **Peach Street** ($60K). 6½ F. 3&up.

Winner: **JARETH** (ch.g., 6, Hard Spun—Another Romance, by Saint Anddan). B-Gunpowder Farms (Ky.). O/T-Rory M. Barron. J-Harry Hernandez. Time: 1:15.93. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Strong Will**. 3rd: **More Than Good**.

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# Peace and Justice 2-year-old lands big bonus for Brok

Steve Young loves everything about stallion Peace and Justice and has encouraged others to jump on the bandwagon. To help attract the best possible mares to the son of War Front and give him every chance, Young dangled an incentive during the stallion's first two years at stud: a $250,000 bonus to the breeder of the stallion's first non-restricted, black-type stakes winner in each crop.

Peace and Justice couldn't have rewarded one of his backers any faster.

Two-year-old gelding Like a Saltshaker went from maiden winner to open stakes winner over the course of 15 days, the first on both accounts for Peace and Justice. The first foal out of the winning Harlan's Holiday mare With Sprinkles was bred in Pennsylvania by Glenn Brok, the recipient of the bonus.

Owned by Magic Oaks and trained by Adam Rice, Like a Saltshaker scored in the $75,000 Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Stakes at Presque Isle Downs Oct. 12, his first start after a front-running win over the all-weather track Sept. 29. In the 6½-furlong Dixon, he rated close to the pace to the inside, pulled out to take aim on the leaders in the stretch and split rivals to win by three-quarters of a length.

Like a Saltshaker zipped 6 furlongs in 1:09.22 in his first win. Fourth in his debut Sept. 10 behind Dixon runner-up Nice Ace, the bay gelding has earned $75,030.

Peace and Justice entered stud in 2017 at Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, covering 38 mares. There are less than 20 first-crop 2-year-olds in training.

With the bonus, Young expected a huge boost for the first book, but acknowledged "There was so much money, that people didn't understand it. They'd ask if it was right." For the past three years Peace and Justice has stood at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, breeding significantly more numbers.

Peace and Justice was a talented miler at the track, winning turf allowances at Belmont Park and Santa Anita. In his two California wins he posted times of 1:32.36 and 1:33.27 for a mile.

Out of the Smart Strike mare Strike the Sky, he is a half-brother to graded stakes-winning $513,824-earner Hudson Steele and traces back directly to champion What a Treat, dam of group winner and sire Be My Guest. The 10-year-old stallion stood the 2020 season for $3,500 live foal.

"For a stallion to have a stakes winner in his first 10 starts, I don't think it's been done very often," said Young. "We're very happy with the results."

## Top Mid-Atlantic sires of 2020

Based on 2020 earnings through Oct. 12

### General earnings

| Sire | rnrs | wnrs | earnings |
|---|---|---|---|
| Warrior's Reward (Pa) | 149 | 71 | $2,588,183 |
| Jump Start (Pa-deceased) | 143 | 59 | 2,459,831 |
| Fiber Sonde (WV) | 83 | 45 | 1,938,148 |
| Flashback (Pa) | 110 | 48 | 1,607,926 |
| Great Notion (Md) | 86 | 33 | 1,579,858 |

### 2-year-old earnings

| Sire | strs | wnrs | earnings |
|---|---|---|---|
| Flashback (Pa) | 20 | 6 | $220,804 |
| Great Notion (Md) | 16 | 3 | 219,488 |
| Fiber Sonde (WV) | 8 | 4 | 189,866 |
| †Uncle Lino (Md) | 11 | 4 | 186,289 |
| †Mosler (Md) | 13 | 5 | 172,437 |

*† Freshman sire*

### Freshmen sires

| Sire | foals | strs | wnrs | earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Uncle Lino (Md) | 54 | 11 | 4 | $186,289 |
| Mosler (Md) | 70 | 13 | 5 | 172,437 |
| Social Inclusion (Pa) | 27 | 12 | 3 | 140,158 |
| Juba (WV) | 24 | 6 | 2 | 97,875 |
| Peace and Justice (Pa) | 21 | 6 | 1 | 91,155 |

### Second-crop sires

| Sire | foals | strs | wnrs | earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden Lad (Md) | 112 | 51 | 19 | $1,055,808 |
| Bourbon Courage (Md) | 84 | 40 | 15 | 823,056 |
| Imagining (Md) | 93 | 39 | 9 | 582,223 |
| Normandy Invasion (Pa) | 70 | 34 | 7 | 268,455 |
| Hangover Kid (Md) | 10 | 3 | 0 | 109,148 |

## FIRST STAKES WINNERS

### Uncle Lino

Uncle Lino's first starter, Singlino, didn't win at Delaware Park in June, but made up for it with a maiden win in July and the $100,000 First State Dash Stakes Sept. 26.

The bay gelding bred in Maryland by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds is the latest of four winners from four starters for the Smoke Glacken mare Signaling. Owned and trained by John Worsley, Singlino pushed his earnings to $80,625.

Uncle Lino's first stakes winner helped propel the stallion to the top of the region's freshmen sires list in early October. The first son of Uncle Mo to enter stud in the Mid-Atlantic, the 7-year-old has 54 first-crop 2-year-olds.

Grade 1-placed Uncle Lino set a track record at Los Alamitos (1:40.82 for 1 1/16 miles) while winning the California Chrome Stakes.

Out of the Orientate mare Haysee, a full-sister to Alabama-G1 winner and $987,094 earner Lady Joanne, he is the grandson of Broodmare of the Year Oatsee, who also produced Preakness winner and $3,090,101 earner Shackleford, graded winners Baghdaria and Afleeting Lady and stakes winner Stephanoatsee. Another Oatsee daughter, Grand Portege, is the dam of Canadian graded winner Florida Won.

Uncle Lino stood the 2020 season at Northview PA for $4,000 live foal.

### Juba

Hopping Henry became Juba's first winner in August, and his first stakes winner in September in the $50,000 Henry Mercer Memorial at Charles Town. Bred, owned and trained by Michael Sterling, the gray West Virginia-bred gelding scored by 1¼ lengths in the 4½-furlong stakes for 2-year-old registered accredited state-breds.

Hopping Henry is out of the Phone Trick mare Phone Jazz and a half-brother to stakes-placed Skylar's Trick.

Standing at Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town, 9-year-old Juba has 24 foals in his first crop. The son of Tapit is a multiple allowance winner of $179,105 and has strong ties to the operation, as his dam, stakes-placed Adoradancer, is a half-sister to Taylor Mountain's successful sire Luftikus. Adoradancer is also the dam of Saint Anddan (by A.P. Indy), who sold as a yearling at Keeneland for $1.85 million and became a graded stakes winner and graded stakes sire.

Juba stands for $1,500, with special consideration to approved mares.

## Rainbow Heir moves to Maryland

Top-class sprinter Rainbow Heir, the New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year of 2014, has moved from Florida and will stand his fourth season at Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, Md. Owned by his breeder, New Farm, his stud fee is $2,000 live foal.

The son of Grade 1-winning sprinter Wildcat Heir won his first four starts by a combined 13¼ lengths. The streak included the Grade 3 Jersey Shore, his first of eight triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures.

Racing from 3 to 8, the chestnut recorded 14 wins (nine stakes), with four seconds and four thirds, for earnings of $837,395 and was a stakes winner on turf and dirt.

After winning the 2018 Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint Stakes and recording a career high 106 Beyer, he was retired to Ocala Stud and covered 30 mares. When the breeding season concluded he went back into training and that September finished third in the Grade 3 Turf Monster at Parx before concluding his career in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1.

Rainbow Heir's stakes-placed dam Rainbow Pride (by Prospectors Gamble) is also the dam of stakes-placed juvenile Follow the Rainbow and five other winners from seven starters, including $285,580-earner Wild Rainbow, undefeated stakes producer Colorful Delight, and Nite Rainbow, dam of $228,727-earner and four-time stakes performer Opera Nite.

## Pat On the Back heads to Pennsylvania

Godstone Farm in Littlestown, Pa., will stand millionaire Pat On the Back his first season in 2021. Owned by a partnership, the 6-year-old has a stud fee of $3,500 live foal, with special consideration to approved mares.

The eight-time stakes winner recorded nine wins in 30 starts, with four seconds and six thirds (all stakes), while amassing $1,144,545. He is the richest son of Congrats, one of the nation's top sires, to enter stud. A son of A.P. Indy, Congrats is the sire of 45 stakes winners, three millionaires.

Pat On the Back had his biggest season in 2019, capturing Belmont Park's 1-mile Kelso Handicap-G2 in 1:33.97, as well as the Affirmed Success and Commentator Stakes, the latter in 1:33.43 for the mile. A stakes winner every year from 2 to 5, from 6 furlongs to 1⅛ miles, he registered lucrative victories in the $300,000 Empire Classic Handicap at 4 and the $250,000 Sleepy Hollow at 2.

Pat On the Back is one of eight winners from eight starters for the Awesome Again mare Accomplished, also the dam of stakes winner and producer Sarah Accomplished. His second dam, the winning Copelan mare I'm in Celebration, produced 10 winners including stakes winners Nice to Know and Cheers and Tears, both graded stakes-placed, as well as graded stakes-placed Brave Victory.

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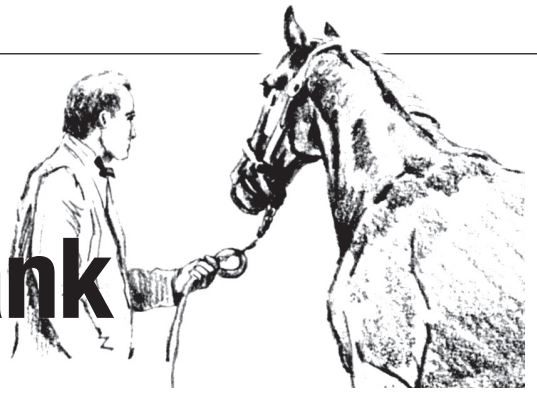


# Albert Yank

When I first met Albert Yank I was looking for a showman's job at Saratoga. Dixie and I were still in the show-horse business and I was still practicing law in West Chester. I had worked one year for Marshall and Bettina Jenney and was well and truly bitten by the Saratoga bug. I was also hating the practice of law and saw no way out that involved show horses. Between the hidden commissions and the impossible vetting standards, selling show hunters had become impossible and, yet, I really wanted to make horses a career.

In 1977 Marshall and Bettina had a small consignment and had no need of me. I tried several other consignors and had no luck. I spoke with Ric Waldman who worked for Fasig-Tipton at the time and he suggested that I call Albert Yank who was bringing his first consignment from California to Saratoga. I was afraid that Ric did not have a senior enough position at the time so, when I called Mr. Yank, I told him that Larry Ensor had suggested the call. We talked for a while and he hired me to work the 1977 Saratoga yearling sale. I think one of the things that sealed the deal was that I already had a place to stay and he didn't have to pay for my lodgings.

I arrived at Saratoga ready to work and was at the barn bright and early for the first day of showing. I met Mr. Yank, who immediately told me to call him Albert. We had a six-horse consignment with no real standout in the group. The team was led by Joannie Faxon and Linda Cornell, the daughter of Calumet trainer Reggie Cornell. When the horses were ready to show, Albert asked me to bring out each one so he could assess my ability and have a look at the horses that he had not seen since they left California. To my chagrin, each yearling was fitted with a purple nylon halter with rhinestone-studded nose band and cheekpieces. Albert had never been to Saratoga and thought that the halters were appropriate.

We started showing the yearlings and I noticed that Albert was constantly surrounded by major players in the horse industry. I had done some research and discovered that, up to that point, Albert's biggest coup had been the purchase of *Vaguely Noble at the end of his 2-year-old season, from the estate of Major Lionel B. Holliday. Purchased at auction for 136,000 guineas on behalf of Nelson Bunker Hunt and others, *Vaguely Noble went on to defeat Sir Ivor in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. When he was interviewed at the time of purchase, Albert stated that he had bought the horse because, "he is going to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the world's greatest horserace."

During our time together in Saratoga a number of interesting things happened. One day Albert brought a young trainer around the barn. He had a very Hollywood look about him and Albert said he was a Quarter Horse trainer who was making the shift to Thoroughbreds. His name was D. Wayne Lukas. While Wayne was in Saratoga, Albert negotiated the purchase from the Phipps Stable of an up-and-coming turf horse named Effervescing (1973, *Le Fabuleaux—Sparkling, by Bold Ruler). Shipped to California and put in the care of Lukas, Effervescing won the 1978 American Handicap-G2 (on turf) and the Citation Handicap (on dirt) on July 4 and July 9 respectively. He also won the Eddie Read Handicap that year. He was Lukas' first big horse.

While we were in Saratoga, Albert asked me to come out to Del Mar to work the yearling sale there. I was thrilled with the opportunity and jumped at the chance. We had a much larger consignment in Del Mar including a lovely filly by *Grey Dawn II and a spectacular colt by Pretense. Albert had kind of taken me under his wing and would impart pearls of wisdom to me as the days went on. One day he told me that if a woman was looking at the *Grey Dawn filly and he gave me a nod, I should hand the shank to the lady and just back away. When the time came there was a lady who was patting and really loving up the filly. Albert gave me the nod and I handed the shank to her. She kept patting and talking to the filly and bought her that night for a handsome price. Albert's theory was that if a horseman or woman put his or her hands on a yearling it meant that they were hooked and would bid on the horse. Over the years I have found this to be true. The Pretense colt sold for a California record $325,000.

At Del Mar, in those days, the sales horses were in tents directly across from the grandstand. Unlike Saratoga which gets very quiet during the races, we often had many lookers in the afternoon. Some were tire-kickers but many were horsemen with time between races. One day Albert and I were sitting outside the tack room when a middle aged couple walked down the shedrow.

Albert said "Oh shoot, I know this guy but I have no idea what his name is."

The gentleman said "Albert, I'll bet you don't remember me."

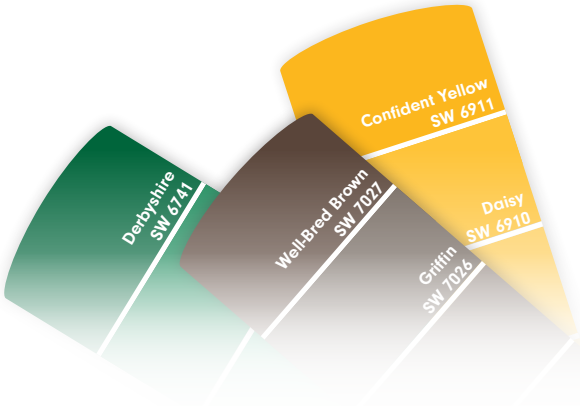
With hesitation Albert replied, "How could I forget the man that sold me my lot." That was all he could dredge up from his memory.

"Albert, this is my wife Ginny." Now he had the wife's name and he started addressing her by name.

Then the man said, "You probably don't remember this but two years ago I was here with a couple of my buddies and we saw you in the clubhouse. I asked you for a tip and you gave me one on a 2-year-old running later that day. You gave me $100 and asked me to bet it for you. The horse won, we got drunk, and I never found you to give you your winnings. Ginny, please write Albert a check for $600."

As the men chatted, Ginny wrote Albert a check and handed it to him. As he took the check I saw him look down and read the man's name on the check. Now he had both names and was off to the races. It was Jim this and Ginny that and they were fast friends. Then Jim said, "Ginny and I have been thinking that we might like to have a broodmare, just for the fun of it. Maybe we would race the foals or we could have you sell them for us. What do you think of that idea?"

Now Albert was in high gear. He loved the idea of Jim and Ginny buying a broodmare but cautioned them that they had to buy a quality mare and that meant a minimum investment of $100,000. Jim said that was fine and would Albert keep an eye out for just such a mare. With hugs and handshakes, Jim and Ginny went back over to the track. Albert returned to the tack room with a $600 check and an order to buy a $100,000 broodmare. He sat down and said, "That horse paid 8-1 and that son of a bitch owed me $900." That was Albert Yank. ✹

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*New Jersey-bred Horologist captured Belmont Park's Grade 2 Beldame in early October.*

## Maryland-bred

**A GREAT TIME**, b.m., 2014, by Street Magician—Short Time, by Clever Trick. Bred and owned by R. Larry Johnson; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. $100,000 **The Very One S**, 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Oct. 1; 3rd **License Fee S**.

**ARTFUL SPLATTER**, gr./ro.f., 2016, by Bandbox—Barouchka, by Not For Love. Bred by Ann Biggs Jackson; owned by James C. Wolf; trained by Kieron Magee. $75,000 **Geisha S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 18; $75,000 **George Rosenberger Memorial S**, 1 1/16 mi. (off turf), fillies and mares, 3 & up, who had started at Delaware Park (excluding stakes) in 2020, Delaware, Sept. 26; 2nd **Twixt S**.

**EASTERN BAY**, b.g., 2014, by E Dubai—Chrusciki, by Polish Numbers. Bred by Nancy Lee Farms; owned by Robert D. Bone; trained by Claudio A. Gonzalez. $100,000 **Polynesian S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 5.

**HARPERS FIRST RIDE**, dk.b./br.g., 2016, by Paynter—Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful. Bred by Sagamore Farm; owned by MCA Racing Stable LLC; trained by Claudio A. Gonzalez. $100,000 **Deputed Testamony S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 5; $250,000 **Pimlico Special-G3**, 1 3/16 mi., 3 & up, Pimlico, Oct. 2.

**HEART FULL OF SOUL**, b.f., 2018, by Violence—Heart Seeker, by Not For Love. Bred by Kingston Thoroughbreds LLC; owned by Hugh H. Robertson and Gregory Erwin; trained by McLean Robertson. $50,000 **Shakopee Juvenile S**, 6 fur., 2-year-olds, Canterbury Park, Sept. 17.

**LAKI**, ch.g., 2013, by Cuba—Truthful Dutch, by Swear by Dixie. Bred by Tom Michaels and Lorna Baker; owned by Hillside Equestrian Meadows; trained by Damon R. Dilodovico. $75,000 **Oceanport Centennial S**, 5 fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, July 3; $200,000 **Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Pimlico, Oct. 3; 2nd **Polynesian S**.

**NEVER ENOUGH TIME**, dk.b./br.f., 2016, by Munnings—What Time It Is, by Partner's Hero. Bred and owned by R. Larry Johnson; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. $100,000 **Alma North S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 5; $100,000 **Skipat S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Oct. 3.

**SHARING**, ch.f., 2017, by Speightstown—Shared Account, by Pleasantly Perfect. Bred by Sagamore Farm; owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); trained by H. Graham Motion. $100,000 **Tepin S**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Churchill, May 23; $300,000 **Edgewood S-G2**, 1 mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Churchill, Sept. 4.

**SINGLINO**, b.g., 2018, by Uncle Lino—Signaling, by Smoke Glacken. Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC; owned and trained by John E. Worsley. $100,000 **First State Dash S**, 5½ fur., Del.-bred or certified 2-year-olds, Delaware, Sept. 26.

**STREET LUTE**, ch.f., 2018, by Street Magician—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman; owned by Lucky 7 Stables; trained by John J. Robb. $100,000 **Small Wonder S**, 5½ fur., Del.-bred or certified, 2-year-old fillies, Delaware, Sept. 26.

## New Jersey-bred

**HOROLOGIST**, b.f., 2016, by Gemologist—Cinderella Time, by Stephen Got Even. Bred by Holly Crest Farm; owned by There's A Chance Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing LLC; trained by William I. Mott. $250,000 **Molly Pitcher S-G3** (plus $15,000 N.J.-Bred Enhancement), 1 1/16 mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, July 18; $150,000 **Beldame S-G2**, 1⅛ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Belmont, Oct. 4; 2nd **Nellie Morse S**; 3rd **La Troienne S-G1**.

**LIKE WHAT I SEE**, b.g., 2015, by Bold Warrior—After the Applause, by Lost Soldier. Bred by Hal Snowden Jr.; owned by USA Thoroughbreds and David R. Lengel; trained by Kelly J. Breen. $75,000 **Joey P. H**, 5 fur., turf, registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Sept. 27.

**PICKIN' TIME**, dk.b./br.c., 2018, by Stay Thirsty—Born to Royalty, by King of Kings (Ire). Bred by John Bowers Jr.; owned by Roseland Farm Stable (Bowers); trained by Kelly J. Breen. $75,000 **Smoke Glacken S** (plus $15,000 N.J.-bred Enhancement), 6 fur., 2-year-olds, Monmouth, Sept. 27; 2nd **Sapling S**.

## Pennsylvania-bred

**BRONX BEAUTY**, gr./ro.m., 2015, by Liaison—Forever Sunshine, by Rockport Harbor. Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC; owned by 2W Stable; trained by Anthony R. Margotta Jr. $75,000 **Regret S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, Sept. 13; 2nd **Skipat S**, **Incredible Revenge S**; 3rd **Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S.**

**ITS A JOURNEY**, dk.b./br.m., 2013, by Jump Start—Lovely Senorita, by Not For Love. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Szeyller; owned by Gap View Stables and Jagger Inc.; trained by Jamie Ness. $80,000 **Mrs. Penny S**, 1 1/16 mi., turf, registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 7.

**MADAM MEENA**, b.f., 2017, by Include—Good Tidings, by Came Home. Bred and owned by Michael R. Cox; trained by Jamie Ness. $100,000 **Tax Free Shopping Distaff S**, 6 fur., Del.-bred or certified fillies and mares, 3 & up, Delaware, Sept. 26.

**MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN**, ch.h., 2014, by Uptowncharlybrown—Torchwood, by Speightstown. Bred by Godric LLC; owned by Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC and Godric LLC; trained by Edward J. Coletti Jr. $80,000 **Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 7; 3rd **Oceanport Centennial S**.

**PINK CADDY**, ch.f., 2017, by El Padrino—Avani Force, by Forestry. Bred by Beatrice Patterson and Vicky Schowe; owned by Club Risque Stable and Gregory K. Quick; trained by Randy Allen. $80,000 **Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 7.

**THE CRITICAL WAY**, dk.b./br.g., 2014, by Tizway—Critical Factor, by Star de Naskra. Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC; owned by Monster Racing Stables; trained by Jose H. Delgado. $80,000 **Marshall Jenney H**, 5 fur., turf, registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 7; 2nd **Virgil Buddy Raines S**.

**TROOPER JOHN**, b.g., 2014, by Colonel John—Shouldn't We All, by Woodman. Bred by Smart Angle LLP; owned by Riversedge Racing Stables Ltd.; trained by Tim Rycroft. $75,000 **Century Mile H**, 1 mi., 3 & up, Century Mile, Sept. 27; 2nd **Journal H**; 3rd **Spangled Jimmy H**.

**WAIT FOR IT**, b.g., 2015, by Uptowncharlybrown—Kimberley Diamond, by Posse. Bred by Fantasy Lane Stable; owned by Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC; trained by Edward J. Coletti Jr. $80,000 **Storm Cat S**, 1 1/16 mi., registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 7.

## West Virginia-bred

**HOPPING HENRY**, gr./ro.g 2018, by Juba—Phone Jazz, by Phone Trick. Bred, owned and trained by Michael E. Sterling. $50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Sept. 19.

**RUNNIN'TOLUVYA**, gr./ro.g., 2014, by Fiber Sonde—Lov'emnrun, by Not For Love. Bred by Leslie G. Cromer; owned by Grams Racing Stable LLC; trained by Timothy C. Grams. $50,000 **Frank Gall Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 19; 3rd **Charles Town Classic S-G2**.

**THELADYISTRUE**, dk.b./br.f., 2018, by Fiber Sonde—Longwood Lady, by Is It True. Bred, owned and trained by John D. McKee. $50,000 **Rachel's Turn S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Sept. 19.


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# Maryland-bred colt becomes Twitter sensation

Story and photographs by Sara Gordon

While Frank Bonsal Jr.'s Hoppertunity colt, nicknamed "Cyrus," is a couple years from making his debut at the track, he's already achieved winner's circle-worthy fame as a sensation on Twitter with more than 550,000 video views and a slew of devoted fans on the social media platform.

Though Chris Brown, an avid Twitter user and member of Designated Hitters Racing, has been posting about Cyrus since he was born March 15, it was a video of the Maryland-bred colt throwing a comical tantrum over his inability to roll in the sand pit after an evening bath in mid-July that set the fan frenzy in motion.

Brown and his wife Katie are partners in Designated Hitters' broodmare Fingerpaint and her chestnut Hoppertunity filly "Poe," who share a pasture at Bonsal's Mantua Farm with Cyrus and his dam Stolen Dance, an 11-year-old daughter of Broken Vow.

"I've had that [Twitter] account since 2009 and I've never had more than 200 followers. I was always posting the same stuff: the babies, foal videos, foal pictures, racetrack stuff. And then that one, just for some reason [took off]," said Brown, who now has more than 2,200 followers.

**Frank Bonsal Jr.'s Hoppertunity colt checks out the sand, but doesn't roll, in his paddock at Mantua Farm.**

The original video, posted July 12 with the caption "I can't stop laughing at him. He is so angry everyone knows how to roll in the sand and he just can't," showed an irritated Cyrus kneeling and pawing in the sand, with no luck in his attempts to roll. It has been viewed over 72,300 times.

"I love that our most famous horse is famous for not being able to do something," said farm manager Alice Peirce, who takes photos and videos for Brown and his wife when they can't make it out to the farm.

Breeders' Cup and Old Friends Farm have even joined in on the fun, retweeting and commenting on the foal's antics, while Horse Racing Nation and The Racing Biz have covered him in online articles and local Maryland news station WJZ-13 featured his social media stardom on its "What's Trending in Baltimore" segment Oct. 6.

"We just sort of fell into some content because he kept being pretty ridiculous and people kept volunteering to do dumb things, like go out and roll [with him]. And he would play his part and be just as nutty," said Brown.

But Brown didn't let the story end with the original post, as he's continued to

**Stolen Dance shows her colt "Cyrus" what rolling is all about. He's not impressed.**

share updates on Cyrus and his friend Poe. Whether it's a video of Poe rolling and Cyrus watching forlornly or the two pestering one another, or their dams, the online fans are intrigued and continue asking for more.

"I've never had something where every response is positive. People are like, 'My husband gets home from work, doesn't say hi, and says, "How's Cyrus?' [Those are] the messages they're sending," said Brown. "So how do you not then try to continue? People are actually genuinely happy and smiling. [I know] it hasn't been the best year for a lot of people and he makes them smile."

The content provides a glimpse at the life of a future racehorse.

"This is what you're supposed to be showing," said Katie. "We love these horses and they're not just these expendable creatures that are business investments."

The #RollCyrusRoll Twitter movement has not only entertained members of the horse community, but also attracted those not as familiar with horses and provided a platform to educate and inspire new fans.

"It's showing what they do. We have weaning coming up, that's a whole new thing. It's his [fuzzy] ears, it's anything," said Brown. "And Poe has a totally different personality, where she's bucking and flying around. She's a little meaner and she's tougher, and she has her own sort of group of fans too. It just shows people they have personalities."

Whether they're napping, grazing, getting a bath or getting microchipped, the Hoppertunity foals have become ambassadors for Maryland's Thoroughbred industry, the Maryland-bred program and their sire, who stands at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md.

Though Cyrus has yet to take his first roll in the sand, Chris continues to share daily updates, to the joy of thousands of fans.

"It started about rolling, but it's not really about rolling anymore," said Brown. ❧

*For more, follow Chris Brown @browch05 on Twitter.*

## Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

# Sharing all class in Grade 2 Edgewood

Making her first start since finishing second in the Coronation Stakes-G1 at England's Royal Ascot in June, Sharing fended off a challenge by Hendy Woods to win the $300,000 Edgewood Stakes-G2 at Churchill Downs Sept. 4. The Graham Motion trainee won by 1¼ lengths, in 1:36.87 for a mile on good turf.

The 3-year-old daughter of Speightstown campaigned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable added a graded victory to her 2020 record, and improved to 5-1-1 from seven starts. The winner's share of $182,280 boosted her to millionaire status with $1,038,751.

"I was pretty anxious about it because she was coming off a long trip and a long break," said Motion. "But she's so classy, she makes us all look good. She had a great work last weekend and Manny [Franco] gave her a perfect ride."

Winner of last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 at Santa Anita and Laurel Park's Selima Stakes, and named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, champion 2-year-old filly and champion turf runner, Sharing kicked off her 3-year-old season with a win in the Tepin Stakes at Churchill Downs in May. That served as a prep for her trip to Royal Ascot where she finished 4¼ lengths behind Alpine Star.

Bred by Sagamore Farm, Sharing is the fourth foal out of Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 winner Shared Account. She's also the dam of stakes winner Riley's Choice and the stakes-placed I'm Pretty Strong. Shared Account was sold for $550,000, in foal to Mastery, at the 2018 Keeneland November sale to Samson Farm.

Eclipse purchased Sharing for $350,000 as a yearling at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select yearling sale. ❧

Bred by the Bowman family, Street Lute makes off with the Small Wonder Stakes for Lucky 7 Stables and trainer Jerry Robb.

Staying clean on the sloppy track, Artful Splatter skips to victory in the George Rosenberger Memorial for James Wolf.

# Maryland-breds shine at Delaware Owners Day

The late-season Owners Day card at Delaware Park annually offers stakes opportunities for horses bred in the state, nominated to the Delaware-certified program and even horses who started at the track.

The 2020 version could have also advertised a Maryland connection as horses bred in the state won three of the six stakes on the 10-race card Sept. 26.

Lucky 7 Stables' Street Lute started things with a 5-length romp in the $100,000 Small Wonder Stakes for 2-year-old fillies. Trained by Jerry Robb, the chestnut daughter of Street Magician broke from the outside and took charge early then made it stand up through 1:05.36 for 5½ furlongs.

The stakes win came less than three weeks after her debut, when she broke her maiden. Robb spent $10,500 to buy the filly at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman, she is the second foal from Alottalute, a daughter of Midnight Lute who had an Editorial colt in 2019 and a filly by Street Magician in May.

Two races later, Artful Splatter made a laugher of the $75,000 George Rosenberger Memorial as she led at every call and won by 10¼ lengths for James Wolf and trainer Kieron Magee. Rained off the turf, the race wound up with a field of five. Artful Splatter needed 1:44.89 to cover 1 1/16 miles.

Bred by Ann Jackson, the daughter of Bandbox and the Not For Love mare Barouchka sold to Hillwood Stable for $16,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale and started twice as a 2-year-old. She started 2019 with a win in January, lost her next eight and was claimed by Wolf and Magee for $16,000 in September. She won three in a row to close 2019, and opened this year with two wins including Laurel Park's Geisha Stakes in January. She came into the Rosenberger off an allowance win in July and a second in Laurel's Twixt Stakes Sept. 5. The Delaware stakes score was her eighth win, and pushed her earnings to $295,428.

All five of Barouchka's foals of racing age are winners, including Maryland Million Sprint winner and $338,829 earner Taco Supream and 15-time winner and stakes-placed Renaissance Rosie, her richest earner with $372,819.

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Owner/trainer John Worsley's Singlino, a son of Uncle Lino, stretches for the finish line in his victory in the First State Dash.

Barouchka has a yearling filly by Great Notion and was bred to Bourbon Courage for 2021.

Two-year-old gelding Singlino closed the Free State party with a win in the $100,000 First State Dash, vying for the lead through early fractions of :21.89 and :46.04 before pulling away by 2 lengths in 1:05.11. The winner paid $19.40 as the fourth choice in the field of 10.

Trained by owner John Worsley at Delaware, the 17-hand Singlino finished fourth in his debut June 20 before breaking his maiden a month later. The stakes win boosted his earnings to $80,625.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, he is the first stakes winner for Northview Stallion Station's Uncle Lino and one of four winners from five foals of racing age for the unraced Smoke Glacken mare Signaling, also the dam of $318,130 earner Hammerin Aamer (by Jump Start).

Stakes-placed second dam Blushing Broad (by Broad Brush) was bred and campaigned by Bob Meyerhoff and sold after her racing career to Richard Golden. The full-sister to graded winner Brushing Gloom and a half-sister to four-time stakes winner and $624,194 earner Clash by Night is also the dam of multiple stakes winner Love's Blush (by Not For Love), who produced graded winner Beach View, all bred by Golden. Signaling's youngest foal is a yearling filly by Great Notion.

**For Maryland-bred stakes winners at Pimlico during Preakness week, see coverage beginning on page 30.**

# Eastern Bay gets it done in Polynesian Stakes

Jim McCue

Robert Bone's Eastern Bay got his first stakes win at age 6 after outrunning favorite Laki to take the $100,000 Polynesian at Laurel Park Sept. 5.

Making his first start in stakes company in more than a year, Eastern Bay settled midpack behind opening fractions of :22.31 and :44.89, found an inside opening around the turn and won by 1¼ lengths. Final time for 6 furlongs was 1:08.72.

It was Eastern Bay's third win in four starts for Bone and trainer Claudio Gonzalez, who claimed the gelding in February at Laurel for $35,000. He returned to miss by a nose to Laki in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 at Pimlico on Preakness Day. Over five seasons, Eastern Bay has 10 wins, four seconds and three thirds from 34 career starts, for earnings of $459,184.

Bred by Nancy Lee Farms, the son of E Dubai made the majority of his starts for breeder Victor Frenkil under the guidance of trainer Ferris Allen. Off the board in his only start at 2, he won his 3-year-old debut in January and made his stakes debut next out in Laurel's Frank Whiteley Jr., finishing fourth. Stakes starts were few and far between over the next few years, but he became a solid allowance/upper level claimer, winning on dirt and turf.

Eastern Bay is the second stakes winner for Chrusciki, a Polish Numbers mare Frenkil and his wife Nancy purchased as a weanling for $40,000 at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale who went on to win stakes and earn $322,828. Chrusciki is also the dam of 2016 Maryland-bred champion older male John Jones (by Smarty Jones), who has won a dozen races–three stakes–and is still in competition at age 8 with earnings of $598,484.

Chrusciki has delivered a foal every year (13 straight) and of her nine starters, six are winners–four with earnings in the six figures. She has a yearling colt by Creative Cause, delivered an Exaggerator filly in April, and was bred to Irish War Cry for 2021. ❧



# Heart Full of Soul romps in Shakopee Juvenile Stakes

The only filly in a field of six 2-year-olds, Heart Full of Soul went gate-to-wire to win her stakes debut in the $50,000 Shakopee Juvenile Stakes at Canterbury Park Sept. 17.

Breaking quickly, the filly owned by Gregory Erwin and Hugh Robertson and trained by McLean Robertson led through an opening quarter in :21.83. She never wavered when challenged from the outside, went the half in :44.86, and stormed to win by 2 lengths in 1:10.16 for 6 furlongs.

Her second win in two starts pushed her earnings to $44,400.

Bred by Kingston Thoroughbreds, the daughter of Violence was purchased as a yearling for $14,000 by her owners from the consignment of CandyLand at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale.

Heart Full of Soul is the third foal and only starter out of Heart Seeker, a winning Maryland-bred daughter of Not For Love out of the stakes-placed Citidancer mare Immune to Gloom. The family descends from stakes winner Lonely Balladier and includes Grade 1-placed juvenile filly and Maryland-bred champion Brucia La Terra. Heart Seeker is the dam of a Maryland-bred yearling colt by Holy Boss bred by CandyLand Farm, and produced a filly by Irish War Cry this year in West Virginia after being sold at last December's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale for $1,700. ❧

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# Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
May 30 to July 31, 2020

## Breeder bonuses

All Aboard Stables—MIRACLE BOBBIE: July 23, 4th race, $1,732.50. REIN SUPREME: July 18, 1st race, $605. ($2,337.50)

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—ENYO: July 4, 1st race, $1,155. —GENNIE HIGHWAY: July 3, 7th race, $605. ($1,760)

Lorna L. Baker and Thomas H. Michaels Jr.—LAKI: July 25, 8th race, $2,887.50.

Barak Farm—DANCE OR STROLL: June 8, 9th race, $3,562.50. DEEP RED: July 3, 10th race, $2,362.50. PLAY CHARADES: July 30, 9th race, $605. STROLL SMOKIN: June 20, 7th race, $6,412.50; July 30, 1st race, $825. ($13,767.50)

Estate of Earl Barnhart—LOVE YOU MUCH: June 8, 7th race, $998.75; July 18, 3rd race, $2,467.50. SOMEKINDOFMAGICIAN: July 4, 4th race, $1,522.50. ($4,988.75)

Best A Luck Farm LLC—MY FRIENDS BEER: July 17, 9th race, $1,155.

James A. Blackwell—TOM HAGEN: July 23, 3rd race, $1,155.

David Benjamin Bloom—BULLETS CHILD: June 5, 6th race, $797.50; July 4, 8th race, $5,985. ($6,782.50)

Richard F. Blue Jr.—HAIR OF THE DOG: July 10, 6th race, $1,155; July 30, 3rd race, $605. RISING PERRY: June 12, 3rd race, $1,470; July 4, 9th race, $3,990. SEVILLE ROW: June 1, 1st race, $742.50; July 4, 11th race, $742.50; July 17, 3rd race, $4,702.50. ($13,407.50)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—MARKET MOVER: June 8, 4th race, $4,702.50.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—BOURBON AGOGO: May 30, 3rd race, $495. RAPIDASHQUEEN: June 6, 4th race, $2,565; July 24, 6th race, $1,155. ($4,215)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—ALWAYS TALKING: June 20, 5th race, $997.50. OLD LINE MAGIC: June 5, 2nd race, $742.50. SOMETHING MAGICAL: June 13, 4th race, $2,362.50. UP AGAINST IT: July 25, 1st race, $3,990. ($8,092.50)

Christine E. Bricker—RONA: July 10, 5th race, $1,417.50.

Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—MONA LUNA: June 27, 6th race, $907.50; July 30, 5th race, $907.50. ($1,815)

Phyllis M. Browne—PADRINO'S HEART: July 11, 4th race, $4,132.50.

Buckingham Farm—I LOVE YOU: June 13, 6th race, $3,277.50.

Deborah A. Butts—KICKSTARTER: July 3, 6th race, $3,847.50; July 24, 1st race, $770. ($4,617.50)

Christine Clagett and Miracle View Farm—GREAT COUNTRY: July 4, 5th race, $412.50.

Classic Thoroughbred XII—RUSSELDOINGTHINGS: June 8, 8th race, $4,702.50. STOLEN LOVE: July 23, 5th race, $787.50. ($5,490)

Clover Hill Racing, LLC—MAKE IT A DOUBLE: June 6, 8th race, $1,155. ONEMOREGREATTIME: July 4, 10th race, $2,467.50. ($3,622.50)

Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen—LOCK: July 17, 3rd race, $907.50. STAND MY GROUND: May 30, 6th race, $3,847.50. TOUGHEST 'OMBRE: July 23, 7th race, $1,575. ($6,330)

Susan S. Cooney and Petra Kappel—PETTICOATSNPISTOLS: July 17, 1st race, $3,277.50.

Susan S. Cooney—GODLOVESASINNER: June 26, 10th race, $3,277.50; July 17, 8th race, $962.50. MOSBY'S RANGER: May 31, 4th race, $1,417.50. ($5,657.50)

Cordelia Stables LLC—ECHO OF VICTORY: June 5, 2nd race, $3,847.50.

Cliff and Mary Cornwell and Country Life Farm—SUPER HOUDINI: July 11, 2nd race, $907.50.

Cottonwood Stable LLC—CAN HE SHINE: June 12, 5th race, $577.50; July 11, 10th race, $1,837.50. ($2,415)

Country Life Farm—LUCKY NINETY NINE: June 13, 3rd race, $3,135. MAYAN QUEEN: July 3, 1st race, $1,155. ($4,290)

Country Life Farm and Broken Trust Fund LLC—YOUGOTTABEKITTEN: July 3, 1st race, $3,135.

Country Life Farm and Fleet and Fancy LLC—FORFIFTYFIVEROCKET: June 12, 7th race, $1,207.50; July 30, 2nd race, $3,277.50. ($4,485)

Country Life Farm and Freedom Child Syndicate—GO AMANDA: July 11, 3rd race, $605.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—EARNED IT: June 26, 3rd race, $577.50; July 24, 8th race, $2,992.50. ($3,570)

Country Life Farm and Moon Map Broodmare LLC—THREETHEHARDWAY: July 24, 8th race, $1,102.50.

Country Roads Ltd.—DESTRUCTION: June 5, 5th race, $1,155. WINSTON'S WAY: June 27, 1st race, $605. ($1,760)

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—CAROLINA ICE: June 19, 2nd race, $1,207.50; July 25, 7th race, $4,132.50. ($5,340)

Dark Hollow Farm—NEXTSTOP POKIPC: July 23, 6th race, $742.50; July 30, 3rd race, $1,155. SECURITY BREACH: July 31, 6th race, $1,155. TAUBER: May 31, 4th race, $3,847.50.

Dark Hollow Farm—TAUBER: June 13, 2nd race, $1,470; July 3, 4th race, $1,470; July 25, 1st race, $770. TOY: May 31, 9th race, $5,985. ($16,595)

David M. DiPietro—MIDNIGHT CRY: June 1, 4th race, $787.50.

Dr. Morgan Dove and Karin Wurttemberger—HALFINTHEWRAPPER: July 11, 3rd race, $1,155.

Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—BAPTIZE THE BOY: June 6, 3rd race, $2,707.50. LIMITED VIEW: July 3, 10th race, $6,412.50. ($9,120)

Hassan Elamri—GOLDEN CAN: May 31, 7th race, $5,700.

The Elkstone Group LLC—BEACON OF TRUTH: July 31, 3rd race, $4,702.50. CAN'T PASS IT UP: June 26, 7th race, $962.50. ONE LAST TRIAL: July 30, 8th race, $4,987.50. PLOT THE DOTS: May 31, 9th race, $2,205; June 26, 7th race, $4,987.50. SAPPHIRE SHILLING: July 24, 8th race, $577.50. ($18,422.50)

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—VOODOO VALLEY: May 31, 3rd race, $412.50; July 10, 1st race, $787.50. ($1,200)

Robert S. Evans—BAYANO: May 30, 1st race, $495; June 20, 3rd race, $945; July 11, 11th race, $2,565. GALE: July 30, 5th race, $1,732.50. ($5,737.50)

Joan Parker Everett—GIFTED HEART: July 31, 8th race, $4,987.50.

Christopher J. Feifarek—OUR STAR: June 12, 9th race, $687.50.

Fitzhugh LLC—MATTA: June 6, 9th race, $5,985; July 17, 8th race, $1,837.50. WELLING: June 8, 4th race, $1,732.50: June 20, 4th race, $4,702.50. ($14,257.50)

Paul L. Fowler Jr.—STARTING TOUR: June 20, 5th race, $2,707.50.

Cary D. Frommer—ZIG: June 6, 8th race, $605; June 19, 1st race, $945. ($1,550)

Scott C. Fuchs—NO FOOLING DUDE: May 30, 1st race, $2,565.

Robert Gerczak—CHICKEN DINNER: June 1, 2nd race, $2,137.50; June 20, 5th race, $522.50; July 10, 2nd race, $2,137.50. LITTLE BAY: May 30, 3rd race, $945. ($5,742.50)

Cornelia Sloan Gibson—DIXIE'S FASCINATOR: June 8, 3rd race, $1,417.50; July 25, 5th race, $1,155. ($2,572.50)

Glenangus Farm LLC—EIFS: June 26, 8th race, $577.50. FIRTH: June 19, 9th race, $2,992.50. ($3,570)

Gordonsdale Farm—ELUSIVE MOTION: July 25, 2nd race, $945.

William R. Gotwals—POLISHED GAL: July 17, 1st race, $1,207.50.

Green Mount Farm—SUNDAY RED: May 31, 2nd race, $605.

Greenspring Mares LLC—NAUTICAL NATURE: July 18, 5th race, $920.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—BROADWAY MELODY: June 27, 4th race, $1,732.50. JUDI BLUE EYES: July 24, 6th race, $3,135. ($4,867.50)

Nancy B. Heil—KARAN'S NOTION: June 8, 8th race, $1,732.50; July 23, 4th race, $4,702.50. ($6,435)

Hillwood Stable LLC—BUNTING: July 31, 8th race, $1,837.50. CALL ME PLUCKY: June 20, 4th race, $907.50; July 10, 3rd race, $1,100. HELLO BEAUTIFUL: June 20, 8th race, $5,985. SILVER SIDES: June 27, 5th race, $2,137.50. ($11,967.50)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt—QUEEN OF TOMORROW: July 10, 5th race, $742.50; July 31, 1st race, $3,847.50. ($4,590)

Michael and Debbie Horning—MINT GAME: June 26, 4th race, $1,155.

Ann B. Jackson—ARTFUL SPLATTER: July 31, 5th race, $6,412.50. TACO SUPREAM: July 4, 10th race, $1,292.50. ($7,705)

R. Larry Johnson—A GREAT TIME: May 30, 8th race, $1,292.50. DAY THE MUSIC DIED: June 6, 6th race, $2,205; June 20, 2nd race, $825; July 23, 8th race, $1,155. IT'S THE JOURNEY: May 31, 6th race, $2,137.50. KEEPER IN SPITE: June 1, 10th race, $945; June 27, 3rd race, $945; July 18, 4th race, $2,565. NO MO LADY: June 12, 8th race, $6,412.50. STREET PRAYER: June 12, 2nd race, $1,155. THUNDERINTHEVALLEY: July 18, 4th race, $945. ($20,582.50)

R. Larry Johnson and Legacy Farm—GONE HOME: June 12, 2nd race, $605; June 20, 9th race, $1,155; July 17, 4th race, $605. ($2,365)

Harry Kassap LLC—SAMUI SUNSET: July 11, 7th race, $3,135. SEVILLE BARBER: June 5, 8th race, $1,155. ($4,290)

Carol A. Kaye—AIR TOKEN: July 11, 11th race, $945. BACK CHARGE: June 26, 4th race, $605. CAN THE QUEEN: May 31, 2nd race, $3,135; July 3, 11th race, $797.50. SMOKIN HOT FACTOR: May 30, 5th race, $787.50; July 17, 7th race, $2,137.50. ($8,407.50)

Gordon Keys—GRATEFUL BRED: July 11, 8th race, $5,700.

Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—BOURBON GAL: June 8, 1st race, $3,847.50; June 26, 2nd race, $770. LADY FOX: June 13, 5th race, $1,732.50; July 31, 1st race, $742.50. ($7,092.50)

William L.S. Landes III—OUTOFTHEPARK: June 5, 8th race, $5,985; June 27, 7th race, $6,412.50; July 25, 3rd race, $2,467.50. ($14,865)

Little Man Farm—NIC NIC BOOM: July 25, 2nd race, $495.

Lucas Racing Inc.—TRULY RED: June 13, 3rd race, $1,155.

Estate of Robert T. Manfuso—CAMPARI: May 31, 6th race, $412.50; July 10, 11th race, $787.50. CHAUFFEUR: June 26, 6th race, $1,732.50. WEEKEND DELIGHT: July 17, 6th race, $3,847.50. ($6,780)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—MCELMORE AVENUE: July 11, 10th race, $962.50. NO MORE TALK: July 4, 2nd race, $945. ($1,907.50)

Marathon Farm Inc.—ABUELO PAPS: June 5, 7th race, $5,700. BUSTOFF: June 19, 7th race, $6,412.50. CLOSER LOOK: June 5, 4th race, $797.50; July 4, 4th race, $797.50.; July 24, 7th race, $797.50. DASHING LOU: May 30, 10th race, $1,312.50. DAYSTRIKE: June 13, 10th race, $577.50. MAYBE AN OMEN: July 31, 8th race, $962.50. ROCKIN RON: July 10, 1st race, $412.50. SUPER E: July 10, 3rd race, $2,100. WHO U GONNA CALL: June 19, 2nd race, $632.50; July 11, 1st race, $1,207.50. ($21,710)

Daniel E. Marconi—GALERIO: June 5, 4th race, $4,132.50.

Lawrence G. McDade and Rose Burns McDade—PRINCESS ROSIE: July 4, 1st race, $3,135.

Charles C.D. McGill—ATLANTIC AVENUE: June 8, 2nd race, $412.50. JUNIOR SENATOR: June 1, 3rd race, $605. ($1,017.50)

Ann W. Merryman—FIYA: June 26, 6th race, $4,702.50; July 17, 8th race, $4,987.50. ($9,690)

Edwin Merryman and Adena Springs—AWESOME JAZZ: July 17, 10th race, $770.

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—MAGICAL LUNA: July 23, 2nd race, $3,277.50.

Bob Miller and Maryann Miller—THE MAGICAL ONE: June 1, 3rd race, $3,135. TOUGH N BUFF: June 1, 2nd race, $412.50. ($3,547.50)

Mill Hill Stable LLC—MILLIE CHILD: June 19, 1st race, $495.

Angie Moore and Tiznow Syndicate—MYSTIC TIMES: June 5, 5th race, $3,135; July 30, 2nd race, $632.50. ($3,767.50)

Kevin P. Morgan—MR. CHESAPEAKECITY: June 6, 3rd race, $522.50. MR. D'ANGELO: July 18, 9th race, $1,237.50. TAP THE MARK: June 26, 7th race, $1,837.50. ($3,597.50)

Edmund T. Mudge IV—AMPLIO ESQUEMA: June 1, 5th race, $742.50. BOWSPRIT: June 12, 1st race, $577.50. LA SILUETA: June 5, 2nd race, $1,417.50. ($2,737.50)

Audrey R. Murray—MOON WATCHER: June 8, 6th race, $3,135. PETION LASS: June 5, 3rd race, $787.50. ($3,922.50)

Nancy Lee Farms—EASTERN BAY: June 19, 8th race, $6,412.50; July 23, 9th race, $6,412.50. JOHN JONES: June 6, 7th race, $1,292.50. ($14,117.50)

William Niarakis Jr.—SHAKE D MOON: June 13, 6th race, $632.50.

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—SHIFRA MAGICIAN: July 4, 7th race, $2,205.

David W. Palmer—BUCKED TOOTH: May 31, 5th race, $412.50.

Cynthia Pence and Philip Spingler—NICK PAPAGIORGIO: June 12, 1st race, $2,992.50; July 11, 10th race, $4,987.50; July 23, 3rd race, $2,205. ($10,185)

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—BETHABARA: July 3, 7th race, $1,155; July 18, 10th race, $605. CHEERS N APPLAUSE: June 27, 5th race, $412.50. FACTORINTHEHEAT: July 18, 7th race, $907.50. HANALEI'S HOUDINI: June 19, 7th race, $1,237.50. ($4,317.50)

Vivian E. Rall—EPIC IDEA: July 10, 8th race, $5,985.

R.D.M. Racing Stable—WHATS THE CHANCES: June 8, 6th race, $605.

Charles J. Reed and Michael Zanella—PATRIOTIC PUNCH: June 1, 5th race, $1,417.50; July 10, 9th race, $1,417.50. ($2,835)

Timothy J. Rooney—B DETERMINED: July 10, 6th race, $3,135. MONEY FROMHEAVEN: June 1, 9th race, $5,985; July 31, 5th race, $2,362.50. SEANY P: June 6, 6th race, $1,155. ($12,637.50)

Sagamore Farm LLC—ANIMA GEMELLA: June 27, 6th race, $4,702.50. ESPRESSOANDACHECK: July 31, 3rd race, $1,732.50. HARPERS FIRST RIDE: June 6, 7th race, $6,697.50; July 3, 8th race, $7,837.50. QUIET COMPANY: July 30, 8th race, $1,837.50. RYE STREET: July 24, 5th race, $945. START WITH YES: June 12, 2nd race, $3,135; June 26, 10th race, $1,207.50; July 24, 7th race, $4,132.50. WAITING FOR A STAR: July 30, 8th race, $962.50. ($33,190)

Shamrock Farm—LET ME ASK BOB: May 30, 3rd race, $2,565. RAN CHAR: July 18, 2nd race, $495. ($3,060)

M. Terry Shane—MARGIE'S HEAVEN: June 13, 5th race, $4,702.50.

Skeedattle Associates—SWEET TALKING GIRL: July 30, 5th race, $4,702.50.

Mary Slade—GRAND SKYLARK: July 25, 7th race, $797.50.

Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—THE POSER: May 31, 9th race, $1,155.

Spendthrift Farm LLC—BREVIARY: July 10, 9th race, $3,847.50. CO HALL PASS: July 11, 6th race, $2,362.50. PATAZ: June 12, 6th race, $2,565. ($10,350)

John D. Stuart—BELFOUR: July 23, 5th race, $2,137.50.

Sweet Spirits Stables LLC—FILLE D'ESPRIT: June 27, 8th race, $2,565.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—ARTISTIC REASON: July 11, 2nd race, $4,702.50. BOUND FOR BROADWAY: June 8, 1st race, $1,417.50. BUFF'S IN LOVE: June 27, 9th race, $825. BULL SHARK: July 23, 8th race, $5,985. GIRL NEXT DOOR: July 18, 6th race, $787.50. GIRLS LOVE ME: July 3, 2nd race, $997.50. HAMMERIN AAMER: June 13, 9th race, $4,275. INTRODUCED: June 13, 8th race, $5,985. MARYLAND MO: June 1, 7th race, $5,700. PAID HOLIDAY: May 30, 9th race, $412.50. PAISLEY SINGING: July 17, 1st race, $632.50. ($31,720)

Thornmar Farm and Tim Keefe—SKIP THE SMALLTALK: June 1, 1st race, $1,417.50.

Thornmar Farm LLC—ANY MINUTE NOW: June 1, 10th race, $495. COCONUT CAKE: May 31, 7th race, $1,100; July 18, 7th race, $4,702.50. DENDROBIA: June 13, 4th race, $6,412.50. DETERMINED MISSION: July 10, 2nd race, $412.50. JUST CHILL OUT: May 30, 1st race, $945; June 20, 6th race, $2,565. MINE TO HOLD: July 31, 2nd race, $605. ROYAL THUNDER: July 3, 6th race, $1,417.50. YES MEANS NO: July 11, 7th race, $1,155. ($19,810)

Two Legends Farm—BENANDJOE: July 24, 7th race, $1,522.50. SPARTY: June 6, 10th race, $687.50. ($2,210)

Two Legends Farm and Sycamore Hall Thoroughbred—LOVE'S LEGEND: June 8, 5th race, $1,207.50.

Two Roads Stable LLC—SECOND ENCORE: June 12, 10th race, $742.50.

Janet L. Wayson—OUTSIDE THE BOX: July 17, 4th race, $3,135.

Edward N. Williams and Mike Mattese—THREE HAWK: July 3, 10th race, $1,237.50; July 11, 9th race, $1,237.50. ($2,475)

## Maryland-bred top earners in 2020

(through October 2)

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Field Pass | $356,860 | |
| 2. | Sharing | 308,451 | |
| 3. | Project Whiskey | 195,780 | |
| 4. | Harpers First Ride | 194,648 | |
| 5. | Artful Splatter | 185,717 | |
| 6. | Galerio | 162,735 | |
| 7. | Eastern Bay | 150,600 | |
| 8. | Majestic Reason | 150,000 | |
| 9. | Pete's Play Call | 127,645 | |
| 10. | Blamed | 121,300 | |
| 11. | Plata O Plomo | $121,103 | |
| 12. | Stroll Smokin | 119,972 | |
| 13. | Alwaysmining | 118,200 | |
| 14. | Introduced | 116,272 | |
| 15. | Nick Papagiorgio | 114,577 | |
| 16. | Double Crown | 110,625 | |
| 17. | American Nina | 107,401 | |
| 18. | Seany P. | 107,385 | |
| 19. | Never Enough Time. | 106,131 | |
| 20. | Dancer's Melody | 105,242 | |


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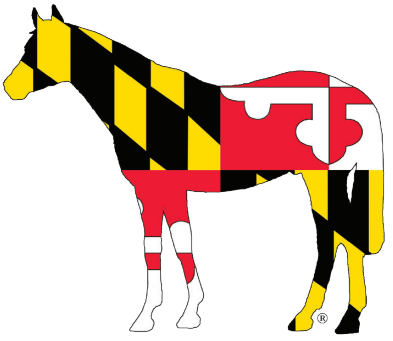

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Winding Creek Farm—WHISKEY AND YOU: June 20, 7th race, $2,362.50.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CANNON'S ROAR: June 6, 9th race, $2,205; July 3, 9th race, $5,985. POWER BACK: May 31, 1st race, $495; June 12, 10th race, $3,847.50. ($12,532.50)

Lana Wright—WHY YOU SASSY: June 27, 8th race, $495.

### Stallion bonuses

BALTIMORE BOB (Let Me Ask Bob: May 30, 3rd race, $854.66. Little Bay: May 30, 3rd race, $314.87): Robert Gerczak—$1,169.53.

BANDBOX (Artful Splatter: July 31, 5th race, $2,136.65. Baptize the Boy: June 6, 3rd race, $902.14. Bull Shark: July 23, 8th race, $1,994.20. Bunting: July 31, 8th race, $612.26). Coconut Cake: May 31, 7th race, $366.52); July 18, 7th race, $1,566.87. Girl Next Door: July 18, 6th race, $262.40. Outofthepark: June 5, 8th race, $1,994.20; June 27, 7th race, $2,136.65; July 25, 3rd race, $822.17. Outside the Box: July 17, 4th race, $1,044.58. Queen of Tomorrow: July 10, 5th race, $247.40; July 31, 1st race, $1,281.99. Silver Sides: June 27, 5th race, $712.22. The Poser: May 31, 9th race, $384.85): Bandbox Syndicate—$16,465.10.

BOURBON COURAGE (Bourbon Agogo: May 30, 3rd race, $164.93. Bourbon Gal: June 8, 1st race, $1,281.99; June 26, 2nd race, $256.56. Make It a Double: June 6, 8th race, $384.85): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$2,088.33.

BUFFUM (Buff's in Love: June 27, 9th race, $274.89. Starting Tour: June 20, 5th race, $902.14. Tough N Buff: June 1, 2nd race, $137.45): Buffum Syndicate—$1,314.48.

CAL NATION (Earned It: June 26, 3rd race, $192.42; July 24, 8th race, $997.10. Judi Blue Eyes: July 24, 6th race, $1,044.58. Threethehardway: July 24, 8th race, $367.35): Cal Nation Syndicate—$2,601.45.

CUBA (Laki: July 25, 8th race, $962.12): J&S Stables LLC.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Always Talking: June 20, 5th race, $332.37. Destruction: June 5, 5th race, $384.85. Gone Home: June 12, 2nd race, $201.59; June 20, 9th race, $384.85; July 17, 4th race, $201.59. Keeper in Spite: June 1, 10th race, $314.87; June 27, 3rd race, $314.87; July 18, 4th race, $854.66. Mr. Chesapeakecity: June 6, 3rd race, $174.10. Up Against It: July 25, 1st race, $1,329.47. Whats the Chances: June 8, 6th race, $201.59): R. Larry Johnson—$4,694.81.

FREEDOM CHILD (Bullets Child: June 5, 6th race, $265.73; July 4, 8th race, $1,994.20. Confessor: June 13, 9th race, $524.79. Go Amanda: July 11, 3rd race, $201.59. Hall Pass: July 11, 6th race, $787.19. Limited View: July 3, 10th race, $2,136.65. Millie Child: June 19, 1st race, $164.93. Truly Red: June 13, 3rd race, $384.85): Freedom Child Syndicate—$6,459.93.

FRIESAN FIRE (Fiya: June 26, 6th race, $1,566.87; July 17, 8th race, $1,661.84. Whiskey and You: June 20, 7th race, $787.19. Who U Gonna Call: June 19, 2nd race, $210.75; July 11, 1st race, $402.34): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$4,628.99.

GIACOMO (Rona: July 10, 5th race, $472.31. Weekend Delight: July 17, 6th race, $1,281.99): Giacomo Syndicate—$1,754.30.

GOLDEN LAD (Air Token: July 11, 11th race, $314.87. Any Minute Now: June 1, 10th race, $164.93. Bound for Broadway: June 8, 1st race, $472.31. Broadway Melody: June 27, 4th race, $577.27. Golden Can: May 31, 7th race, $1,899.24. Hello Beautiful: June 20, 8th race, $1,994.20. Margie's Heaven: June 13, 5th race, $1,566.87.Paisley Singing: July 17, 1st race, $210.75. Russeldoingthings: June 8, 8th race, $1,566.87): Golden Lad Syndicate—$8,767.31.

GREAT NOTION (Elusive Motion: July 25, 2nd race, $314.87. Epic Idea: July 10, 8th race, $1,994.20. Fille d'Esprit: June 27, 8th race, $854.66. Grateful Bred: July 11, 8th race, $1,899.24. Great Country: July 4, 5th race, $137.45. Halfinthewrapper: July 11, 3rd race, $384.85. Karan's Notion: June 8, 8th race, $577.27; July 23, 4th race, $1,566.87. Miracle Bobbie: July 23, 4th race, $577.27. Onemoregreattime: July 4, 10th race, $822.17. Rein Supreme: July 18, 1st race, $201.59. Zig: June 6, 8th race, $201.59; June 19, 1st race, $314.87): Great Notion Syndicate—$9,846.90.

HANGOVER KID (Hair of the Dog: July 10, 6th race, $384.85; July 30, 3rd race, $201.59): Hangover Kid Syndicate—$586.44.

HUNTERS BAY (Eifs: June 26, 8th race, $192.42): Stronach Group LP.

IMAGINING (Lady Fox: June 13, 5th race, $577.27; July 31, 1st race, $247.40. Market Mover: June 8, 4th race, $1,566.87): Imagining Syndicate—$2,391.54.

NICANOR (Nic Nic Boom: July 25, 2nd race, $164.93. Ran Char: July 18, 2nd race, $164.93. Seany P: June 6, 6th race, $384.85): Nicanor Syndicate—$714.71.

NOT FOR LOVE (Love's Legend: June 8, 5th race, $402.34. Love You Much: June 8, 7th race, $332.78; July 18, 3rd race, $822.17. No More Talk: July 4, 2nd race, $314.87. Stolen Love: July 23, 5th race, $262.40): Not For Love Syndicate—$2,134.56.

ORIENTATE (Cannon's Roar: June 6, 9th race, $734.71; July 3, 9th race, $1,994.20. Dashing Lou: May 30, 10th race, $437.33. Mine to Hold: July 31, 2nd race, $201.59. No Fooling Dude: May 30, 1st race, $854.66. Princess Rosie: July 4, 1st race, $1,044.58. Rising Perry: June 12, 3rd race, $489.80; July 4, 9th race, $1,329.47. Second Encore: June 12, 10th race, $247.40): Orientate Syndicate—$7,333.74.

OUTFLANKER (Chicken Dinner: June 1, 2nd race, $712.22; June 20, 5th race, $174.10; July 10, 2nd race, $712.22. Nick Papagiorgio: June 12, 1st race, $997.10; July 11, 10th race, $1,661.84; July 23, 3rd race, $734.71): Outflanker Syndicate—$4,992.19.

PETIONVILLE (Moon Watcher: June 8, 6th race, $1,044.58. Petion Lass: June 5, 3rd race, $262.40. Voodoo Valley: May 31, 3rd race, $137.45; July 10, 1st race, $262.40): Everest Stables Inc.—$1,706.83.

PLAN (Polished Gal: July 17, 1st race, $402.34): Stronach Group LP.

REDEEMED (Godlovesasinner: June 26, 10th race, $1,092.06; July 17, 8th race, $320.71): Redeemed Syndicate—$1,412.77.

SCIPION (Shake D Moon: June 13, 6th race, $210.75): Scipion Syndicate.

SEVILLE (GER) (Amplio Esquema: June 1, 5th race, $247.40. Dixie's Fascinator: June 8, 3rd race, $472.31; July 25, 5th race, $384.85. Echo of Victory: June 5, 2nd race, $1,281.99. Enyo: July 4, 1st race, $384.85. Gennie Highway: July 3, 7th race, $201.59. I Love You: June 13, 6th race, $1,092.06. La Silueta: June 5, 2nd race, $472.31. Mint Game: June 26, 4th race, $384.85. Mr. d'Angelo: July 18, 9th race, $412.34. Samui Sunset: July 11, 7th race, $1,044.58. Seville Barber: June 5, 8th race, $384.85. Seville Row: June 1, 1st race, $247.40; July 4, 11th race, $247.40; July 17, 3rd race, $1,566.87): Seville Syndicate—$8,825.65.

STREET MAGICIAN (A Great Time: May 30, 8th race, $430.66. Magical Luna: July 23, 2nd race, $1,092.06. Midnight Cry: June 1, 4th race, $262.40. Old Line Magic: June 5, 2nd race, $247.40. Shifra Magician: July 4, 7th race, $734.71. Somekindofmagician: July 4, 4th race, $507.30. Something Magical: June 13, 4th race, $787.19. Street Prayer: June 12, 2nd race, $384.85. Winston's Way: June 27, 1st race, $201.59): R. Larry Johnson—$4,648.16.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Breviary: July 10, 9th race, $1,281.99. Forfiftyfiverocket: June 12, 7th race, $402.34; July 30, 2nd race, $1,092.06. Gifted Heart: July 31, 8th race, $1,661.84. Lucky Ninety Nine: June 13, 3rd race, $1,044.58. Pataz: June 12, 6th race, $854.66. Sunday Red: May 31, 2nd race, $201.59. Super Houdini: July 11, 2nd race, $302.38): Country Life Farm and Spendthrift—$6,841.44.

TRITAP (Rapidashqueen: June 6, 4th race, $854.66; July 24, 6th race, $384.85. Tap the Mark: June 26, 7th race, $612.26): Tritap Syndicate—$1,851.26.

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# Statement from Monmouth Park chairman and CEO Dennis Drazin regarding Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act

As Chairman and CEO of Monmouth Park Racetrack and as counsel and advisor to the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NJTHA), I am pleased to announce Monmouth Park's support for the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act.

I had the opportunity to listen carefully to the press conference at Keeneland where Senator Mitch McConnell announced his support for this historic legislation designed to improve the integrity and safety of horse racing through uniform and national safety and performance studies, including a horse racing anti-doping and medication control program and a racetrack safety program to be developed and enforced by a Horse Integrity and Safety Authority.

I initially withheld comment awaiting an opportunity to read the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020.

Without reciting the longstanding effort by Congressmen Barr and Tonka, as well as others in the House, I was asked by Congressman Pallone, the Chairman of the Committee considering the Horse Racing Integrity Act as it was known in the House version, to come to Washington to testify at the hearing on Jan. 28, 2020. During my congressional testimony, I had opposed passage of the House version for a number of reasons; most importantly that I did not feel that the Bill went far enough, since it only addressed the medication issue and did not address racetrack safety and integrity concerns outside of the medication issue.

I articulated my concerns during my testimony and I was pleased that both Congressmen Barr and Tonko expressed their willingness to work toward expanding the Bill to address my concerns. I have also worked closely with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) in my role with that organization as a member of the Board of Directors to try to accomplish a more broad-based effort to include racetrack safety and integrity issues as well as a number of other issues that the industry as a whole believed were necessary to address in order to accomplish all of our objectives of making our industry successful by restoring public confidence in the industry, create racetrack integrity and safety initiatives and addressing a wide variety of issues which the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen and the NTRA believed were important for our industry.

While I was opposed to the elimination of Lasix based upon the long-standing recommendations of the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners), who have consistently expressed that Lasix is a therapeutic medication that protects the

health and welfare of Thoroughbreds that we all love so dearly and was the only known therapeutic treatment to prevent bleeding, thereby not only protecting the horses, but the jockeys who ride them, I had advocated both publicly and privately for a compromise which would provide a Blue Ribbon Panel of experts to consider the Lasix issue and make recommendations at the conclusion of that study.

Monmouth Park had previously adopted a policy to adhere to the position of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) regarding the administration of race day furosemide (Lasix) as the most effective treatment and preventative approach to controlling exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) in racehorses. Monmouth Park resisted prior efforts to eliminate Lasix by stating "Until further scientific evidence proves otherwise, we believe the policy set forth by the AAEP regarding the race-day use of furosemide is in the best interest and welfare of the horses and their riders."

I am pleased to see that there has been a compromise in forming a mechanism to study the Lasix issue for three years and make recommendations concerning its usage in the future.

Compromises are hard to reach, particularly when strong and valid positions are taken by different stakeholders. Nevertheless, in my 45 years as a trial attorney, I have learned that a good settlement or compromise is one that all of the parties believe that they gave up some position in order to achieve overall good. Therefore, although the three-year study period will address the future of Lasix in general, I acknowledge that in order to bring about a piece of legislation that has widespread acceptance, it was necessary to provide that during the study period, two-year old races and stakes races will be Lasix-free. While I would have preferred the three-year study period would permit the use of Lasix in all horses or, at the very least, to only apply to two-year old's and graded stake races, it is time to move on and acknowledge the compromise and get this legislation passed for the good of the future of our sport.

I also had an opportunity following my testimony in Washington to meet with Travis Tygart, CEO of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), who frankly impressed me with his discussions about a plan to move forward with the USADA providing services to the industry. I was able to learn more about how human testing works in other sports and learned that there can be an exemption available in appropriate circumstances for human athletes and, therefore, it made sense to me that there was a path to make an exemption in horse racing as it relates to the Lasix issue, if a horse needed it to compete and it was not performance enhancing. I will await the results of the three-year study before commenting further on that issue.

While I support the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act, I recognize that the Senate will have to take action to get this Senate version of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act over to the House and I would expect that with the support of Congressmen Barr and Tonko, as well as what I would anticipate would be efforts by Congressman Pallone, said that the current House Bill could be amended to make sure that both the House and Senate Bills when they reach final form will be consistent so as to enable this Legislation to pass both the Senate and the House. I do remain concerned about the funding mechanism and, hopefully, the funding mechanism can be finalized to avoid any 10th Amendment problems which could affect its constitutionality. The racetracks and horsemen have significant costs related to the operation of racetracks. It would make sense to me to shift the funding to ADWs and other online operators who at this time offer their customers larger rebates than racetracks can afford to do.

I will continue to work on behalf of Monmouth Park and the Horsemen whom I represent to advocate for the passage of this historic legislation designed to enhance the future of our industry for generations to come.

# Purse subsidy approved for 2021 racing season

New Jersey lawmakers have approved a final budget that will include a $15 million subsidy for the 2021 racing season.

The money will be divided evenly between Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds.

"I am pleased that the governor has seen fit to give us back 15 of the $20 million that is going to go support purses next year," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development, which manages Monmouth Park. "Since it was taken out of the budget, we have worked hard on this and, fortunately, through leadership in the Senate and the Assembly, as well as a lot of our local politicians who supported the effort, the Governor saw fit to put it back in the budget. We would have liked to have had the full $20 million, but given that he is cutting everybody, I am thrilled that the Governor has our back and recognizes the importance of the industry and how important it is to save a lot of jobs and keep us competitive."

Though Monmouth will have $2.5 million less to put toward its purse account, Drazin said he didn't anticipate that there would be a purse cut next year.

The New Jersey-bred program benefited from the purse subsidy in 2020 by increased purses in restricted races, 11 stakes races worth $925,000 and the 40% open bonus for New Jersey-breds when finishing 1st-3rd in open company races at Monmouth Park.

# Like What I See wins Joey P. Handicap

Like What I See won his second race in eight days when capturing the $75,000 Joey P. Handicap Sept. 27 at Monmouth Park. The 5-year-old gelding by Bold Warrior out of the Lost Soldier mare After the Applause went right to the front and was able to hold off the defending Joey P. Handicap winner, 10-year-old Oak Bluffs.

Winning trainer Kelly Breen claimed the 5-year-old Like What I See July 11 for $25,000 for USA Thoroughbreds. He has earned $80, 625 in his last two wins.

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"That wasn't the game plan to be on the lead going wire to wire like that," said Breen of the gelding wiring the 5-furlong turf race. "But his last race that he won he was stuck down on the inside and maybe all of that refreshed his memory as to what was going on and that he had some speed he forgot about. There was no chute today. For horses coming out of a chute like he did last race and coming out of a straightaway like he did today, it's a little bit different. Their vision is a little bit better. I told Jose Ferrer 'let him get his breath.' That was Jose Ferrer's version of letting him get his breath."

"Not at all did I expect to be on the lead like that," said Jose Ferrer. "Kelly told me to use my judgment. He broke so sharp. I'm like 'I have to go on with this now.' It's only five-eighths. If you have a chance to be in front you have to go for it at five-eighths. You can't be sitting back there. You have to go get it. He did this all on his own."

Like What I See was bred in New Jersey by Hal Snowden Jr. and has career earnings of $238,061.

# Pickin' Time wins Smoke Glacken Stakes

Roseland Farm Stables Pickin' Time won his first stakes in the $75,000 Smoke Glacken at Monmouth Park Sept. 27. The 2-year-old son of Stay Thirsty out of Born to Royalty, by King of Kings (Ire), was coming off a strong second-place finish going 1 mile in the Sapling Stakes. The turnback to 6 furlongs did not bother the colt who battled with Dalton through the stretch to win by a nose.

"He got into a little bit of trouble in his last race and he had a really good trip today," said winning trainer Kelly Breen. "Last time out that trouble seemed to cost him. He's a big horse. He has to be close to 17 hands as a 2-year-old and it's going to take him a little while. Joe Bravo jumped off of him and said 'he's probably going to be better going two turns. I said 'Well, he didn't do too badly today at 6 furlongs.'"

"I really didn't know much about this horse before his previous start," said jockey Joe Bravo. "He really impressed me that race. He had a lot of trouble going into the first turn and he still finished strongly. He overcame a lot during that race. I

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was really confident and I really liked him a lot today except I was scared it was just 6 furlongs. I think he will be even better going two turns. For a 2-year-old he still hasn't developed yet. He's like a big baby. He has raw ability. You can see that. To tell you the truth I turned for home and I thought we would open up a length or two to win the race. I give that other horse [Dalton] a lot of credit. They went in 1:10 and change. For 2-year-olds to go in 1:10 and change they were getting after it."

Pickin' Time was bred in New Jersey by John Bowers Jr. and raised his earnings with the win to $129,025.

# New Jersey-Bred Foal Gallery

**Starstruck Notion, a 2020 New Jersey-bred colt born March 10 by Great Notion out of the Sir Cat mare Star On Broadway. He was bred by Ken Garcia.**

# 2020 Top New-Jersey Breds

Top 10 highest earning New Jersey-breds during the 37-day Monmouth Park meet from July 3 to September 27.

| *Horse* | *Breeder* | *Earnings* |
|---|---|---|
| Horologist | Holly Crest Farm | $165,000 |
| Pickin' Time | John Bowers Jr. | $129,025 |
| Pianzi | Isabelle de Tomaso | $124,375 |
| Royal Urn | John Bowers Jr. | $120,000 |
| Prendimi | G J Stables | $97,500 |
| Bramble Bay | Ballybrit Stables | $95,000 |
| Like What I See | Hal Snowden Jr. | $80,625 |
| Dr. Doyle | Jonathan Brown | $79,688 |
| Stay Smart | John Bowers Jr. & Edward Rosen | $78,750 |
| Wallercito | Reeve Schley Jr. | $77,125 |

# North Carolina

THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

November 2020


## President's message

Normally, I don't wish my life away, but this year can't end soon enough for me. I'm writing this in September for publication in November. The thought of which is extremely delightful… November… so close to the end of the year. Hope always springs eternal for the new year approaching just like it does for any new foal or 2-year-old in training.

Speaking of 2-year-olds, I heard the buzz that Shea D Boys Stables just added three to their roster. Not surprisingly they're named Shea D Summer, Shea On a Mission and Fifty Sheas Ofgrey. Adding horses isn't the only news coming from the stable: they also created an attractive website with workout videos, photos of their runners and more. Here's a link, www.sheadboysstable.com. Congratulations to Dan and Christy Shea and the rest of Shea D Boys for their past achievements and upcoming ones, as well. The first Saturday in May isn't too far off or too much to hope for.

I might as well continue with the NCTA "gossip" since I have it and no other way to spread it. Word on the backside is Bob Sanford is back in the game and positively giddy about it. Yep, after successfully curing his addiction and abstaining for a number of years, he was pulled backed in by a 2-year-old filly named Free Me, that he and Jim Hardin Sr. bred. Being the good friend that he is, he convinced Jim's son, Jim Hardin Jr., that owning racehorses with friends is a good idea. The duo plan to run her in Maryland where they will travel to watch her race. What a road trip that will be! I hope they take selfies and share them with us. Let's cheer their filly on when she hits the track. I have big dreams for her, really big dreams. Let's see, how do you spell Z E N Y A T T A size dreams.

So, if you would like me to spread truths or untruths about you or another member just fill me in with the details of your news. I'm sure readership will rise, and our membership will grow. Which brings me to… it's time to renew your NCTA membership of 2021.

If you made it this far, thanks for bearing it. Your support means everything. Congratulations to our members who had winning horses this reporting period – Clint Lowry, Frank Batten, Nancy Shuford, Beth Muirhead and Bill Thompson. Also, kudos to all who had horses run. /Rebecca Montaldo


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## Racing Recap

**Miss Grandstander** (Fiber Sonde out of Athena Grand, by Civilisation) broke her maiden at first asking Aug. 28 in a 4½-furlong maiden special weight for breeder Clint Lowry at Charles Town. The 3-year-old filly overcame a bit of anxiousness in the gate and an awkward start to take the lead at the three-eighths pole and drawing clear to win by 3¼ lengths in :53.86.

**Ima Daredevil**-NC (Daredevil out of Prom Dress, by Stephen Got Even) won at Gulfstream Park Aug. 29 going 6 furlongs on the dirt for breeder Frank Batten. The 3-year-old filly took over at the three-eighths pole going three-wide, clearing the field to win by 5½ lengths in 1:11:50. She was also claimed out of that race.

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North Carolina-bred Ima Daredevil wins at Gulfstream Park for breeder Frank Batten.

**Secretly Wicked** (Wicked Strong out of Secret Congrats, by Congrats) won in a dead heat at Ellis Park Aug. 30 going 6 furlongs on the dirt in an allowance race for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 3-year-old filly tracked the pace from the inside, was second going into the stretch, came under a long drive and prevailed at the wire to finish on even terms.

**Liberty Fire** (Colonel John out of Frisky Cheerleader, by Roar) won at Mountaineer Sept. 1 going 6 furlongs on the dirt in a claiming race for breeder Beth Muirhead. The 6-year-old mare tracked the pace, drawing away late in the stretch to win by 5 ½ lengths in 1:13.23.

**Dionysus' Chalice** (Fiber Sonde out of Athena Grand, by Civilisation) won at Mountaineer Sept. 6 going 5 furlongs on the dirt in a claiming race for breeder Clint Lowry. The 5-year-old gelding made the lead from the start, held it while in-

creasing his distance from the pack and winning by 6¾ lengths in :58.91.

**Humor Controller** (Distorted Humor out of Peppy Rafaela, by Bernardini) won at Louisiana Downs Sept. 9 going 1 mile on a firm turf course in a claiming race for breeder Frank Batten. The 3-year-old colt stalked the pace early, steadily increasing position on the backstretch, drew off late under steady urging to win by 1¼ lengths in 1:38:50.

**Danz a Rebel** (Revolutionary out of Sister Chelsey, by Chelsey Cat) won at Charles Town Sept. 12 going 6½ furlongs on the dirt in a claiming race for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 4-year-old gelding had to steady leaving the gate, raced at the back of pack at the start, saved ground on the first turn before easing out in the backstretch, quickening at the three-eighths pole and drew clear down the lante to win by 6¼ lengths in 1:20.68.

**Royal Wedding** (Court Vision out of My Lovin', by Cat's Career) won at Woodbine Sept. 13 going 1 mile on a firm turf course in an allowance for owner Bill Thompson. The 4-year-old filly stalked the pace, chased into the stretch, overtook the lead in mid-stretch to win by 1¼ lengths in 1:34.04.

**Created Special** (Creative Cause out of Special Cheers, by Concerto) broke his maiden at Laurel Park Sept. 19 going 7 furlongs on the dirt in a maiden claiming race for breeder Beth Muirhead, and formerly owned by Kenan Rand before his passing. The 3-year old gelding set off the pace setter going two-wide, gained the lead in mid-stretch to win by 1½ lengths in 1:25:39.


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# Hitting the Board August 26–September 25

| Date | Horse | Track | NCTA Connection | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28-Aug | Artiful Move | Penn National | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 2nd |
| 28-Aug | Miss Grandstander | Charles Town | Bred by Clint Lowry | **WINNER!** |
| 29-Aug | Ima Daredevil (NC) | Gulfstream Park | Bred by Frank Batten | **WINNER!** |
| 30-Aug | PJ's Ego | Monmouth Park | Bred & owned by Ken Orchard - Jet M Stables | 3rd |
| 30-Aug | Secretly Wicked | Ellis Park | Bred by Nancy Shuford | **WINNER!** |
| 1-Sep | Liberty Fire | Mountaineer Park | Bred by Beth Muirhead | **WINNER!** |
| 2-Sep | Graycaster | Emerald Downs | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 2nd |
| 2-Sep | Sag Harbor | Churchill Downs | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 2nd |
| 3-Sep | Moonshine Dreamer | Arlington | Bred by Frank Coniglio & partners | 2nd |
| 4-Sep | Created Special | Laurel Park | Bred by Beth Muirhead | 2nd |
| 5-Sep | Saints Marching In | Monmouth Park | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 2nd |
| 6-Sep | Dionysus'Chalice | Mountaineer Park | Bred by Clint Lowry | **WINNER!** |
| 6-Sep | Keota | Saratoga | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 2nd |
| 7-Sep | Proud Mandate | Laurel Park | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 3rd |
| 9-Sep | Artiful Move | Penn National | Bred by Nancy Shuford | 3rd |
| 9-Sep | Humor Controller | Louisiana Downs | Bred by Frank Batten | **WINNER!** |
| 12-Sep | Danz a Rebel | Charles Town | Bred by Nancy Shuford | **WINNER!** |
| 13-Sep | Royal Wedding | Woodbine | Owned by Bill Thompson-Maple Leaf Farm | **WINNER!** |
| 14-Sep | Royalbonnielegacy | Finger Lakes | Owned by Brad Graham in a partnership | 2nd |
| 14-Sep | Flat Out Flying | Parx Racing | Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio | 3rd |
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# Tim Hamm captures first Grade 1 with Frizette victory

Dayoutoftheoffice, a dark bay or brown 2-year-old filly by Into Mischief out of the Indian Charlie mare Gottahaveadream, defeated favored Vequist by 2 lengths in the 1-mile Frizette Stakes at Belmont Park Oct. 10. She stopped the timer in 1:35:82 and followed up her recent win in the Grade 3 Schuylerville at Saratoga July 16. The filly is now undefeated in three lifetime starts.

Hamm trains the "big, scopey, filly" and owns her in partnership with her breeder, Sienna Farms, of Lexington, Ky. Tim said he was introduced to Sienna by Jeff Hazlett of Taylor Made, calling him a "great guy who we are very grateful to for thinking of us and making this introduction to the wonderful people at Sienna."

Hamm said, " We knew she was talented. This was a tough field and she was coming off an over 80-day layoff but we wanted to have the filly fresh and ready for this time of year. We felt that she was ready for this race and that it would set her up for what was to come."

What is to come now is the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 as this was a "Win and You're In" race. Junior Alvarado, who gave her a heady ride putting the filly in great position and then pouncing at the top of the lane to take control of the race before cruising in hand to the wire, will retain the mount for the Breeders' Cup.

"We're pumped up about it for sure!" Tim said. "This filly has been all over the U.S. this year starting with our farm in Ocala, to Kentucky, and even both Belterra and Thistledown. My entire team deserves credit for getting her ready. Special shout out to Scooter Davis who started the process in Florida and actually ran her today at Belmont. Scooter is a solid horsemen who is an invaluable asset to our entire operation."

Hamm is one of the perennial leading trainers in Ohio and this was his first Grade 1 win.

All of us at the OTBO and in Ohio racing will be rooting for Team Hamm and the extremely flashy filly as she takes on some of the best 2-year-old fillies in the world in the Breeders' Cup!

# Star Mabee wins Scarlet and Gray Handicap

Seven-year-old Star Mabee, the oldest mare in the field of nine, flew down the lane in a perfectly timed ride by Luis Rivera to win the historic $75,000 Scarlett and Gray Handicap for registered Ohio Breds at Thistledown. The dark bay mare by Mr. Mabee out of the Mutakddim mare Stardimm stopped the timer in 1:12 flat defeating Moonlit Mission by an open length. Ali Blue checked in third another 4½ lengths back.

Star Mabee is owned by Michael J. Annechino and trained by Jeff Radosevich. After the race Radosevich said, "The mare is simply doing and feeling great right now. I try and let the horses tell me when they are ready and then look for the best spot for them. We were stepping up a bit but she was doing so well that we thought if not now when?"

Radosevich went on to say how pleased he was with the ride that Rivera gave the horse. "Luis is a smart rider and team player. He is there in the mornings to help out with the horses then he spends a lot of time reviewing films and studying the running style of every horse in his race. Luis and I discuss beforehand how we think the race will go. I know when that gate opens Luis has a plan. . . and it sure is gratifying when everything comes together like it did today."

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Annechino said, "This is what makes horse racing such an incredible sport. A smaller outfit can compete head to head with much larger ones. The Ohio-Bred program offers one of the best opportunities to have fun and make money in the entire country."

"In our case, there is a great team of people working daily to make this happen including Jeff, Luis, Steve Hayes, and all of the incredibly hard working grooms and assistants that make up the Radosevich crew at Thistledown.

"All of us have been doing this together for a long time and we have seen both the highs and the lows. But when a tough and game mare like Star Mabee lays it all out there and wins such an important race as the Scarlet and Gray it brings a smile to your heart and a tear to your eye. I have tremendous respect and appreciation for the efforts everyone made. . . especially our 'old' girl!"

Star Mabee was bred in Ohio by Lake Shore Farm LLC. This is the first stakes win of her career after running several close seconds in her 2 and 3-year-old seasons.

# Happy as You Go wins Emerald Necklace Stakes

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The Bob Gorham-trained/Marion Gorham-owned Happy as You Go demolished a field of seven Ohio-accredited 2-year-old fillies in the $75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes at Thistledown Oct. 3. Ridden by Christian Pilares, the dark bay or brown filly dueled for the early lead then pulled away as she pleased under light urging, cruising to a 7½-length victory. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farms she is the daughter of Mobil out of the Dixieland Band mare Preservation Hall.

This makes back-to-back stakes triumphs and three in a row for Happy as You Go. She won the Loyalty Stakes at Belterra Park in her last start.

Rounding out the top three were the Jeff Radosevich trainees Sammy's Sister and Mobil Chic, who finished second and third, respectively. All three top finishers were bred by Mapleton, making it a clean sweep for them.

# 2021 Stallion Season Auction December 7-10, 2020

## Preview Days Dec. 7-8
## Bidding opens on Dec. 9

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## Bidding will close on a staggered basis on the evening of Dec. 10

Many outstanding stallions will be represented from multiple states including KY, FL, IN, and of course Ohio. In total we anticipate having more than 50 different stallions represented. The auction should represent tremendous value for the bidders and give them a great start to their 2021 breeding decisions.

The OTBO is currently looking into having special races for the horses that are produced from this sale. As soon as details are available, we will announce them. The idea is to provide a special bonus to the consignor of the stallion season in addition to the purse available to those horses that run in the designated races.

This is the major fund-raising event for the OTBO, which is a not-for-profit organization supporting and advocating for the Breeders and Owners that race in Ohio. Ohio offers 43 stakes opportunities annually for Ohio-bred horses with a total pool of over $3.5 million.


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- **Yearling registration:** Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:** Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:** Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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# 20th PA Day At The Races One To Remember

by Linda Dougherty

Beautiful late summer weather and a 12-race card exclusively for Pennsylvania-breds added up to another hugely successful "Pennsylvania's Day at the Races" at Parx Racing on Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Since 2000, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association has presented a day devoted to horses foaled in the Keystone State, with this 20th renewal a modified version because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The pandemic's effect could be felt in several ways. Total purses for the program were down about 20 percent from last year's $1 million, due to the shutdown of live racing as well as the Parx casino from mid-March through early June, while the annual luncheon buffet in the Parx grandstand had to be cancelled altogether because of state guidelines that restricted the number of people that could gather indoors.

But by all accounts, the day was an enjoyable one, with fans lined up outside the grandstand main entrance before 11:30 a.m., and the benches filled on the track apron. Horsemen shipped their Pennsylvania-breds to Parx from across the Mid-Atlantic region, leading to exciting contests and displays of talent and class.

"It's a crazy world right now, and we needed something to get excited about," said Greg Newell, president of the PHBA. "It's been a hard year for breeders as a whole, and today has given them some fun and camaraderie. We were able to put this day together with the help of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Board of Directors, who were very engaged from beginning to end. It was a perfect day."

The Uptowncharlybrown Stud had a big afternoon, capturing two of the five $80,000 stakes on the card—the only stakes events for Parx this year—with sons of its Pennsylvania stallion Uptowncharlybrown.

In the Storm Cat Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles, the stable's homebred Wait for It collected the first added-money event of his career, dominating six rivals as the betting favorite.

A 5-year-old bay gelding out of the Posse mare Kimberely Diamond, Wait for It had been nibbling at the edges of a stakes victory in his 22 prior starts, finishing third in the Crowd Pleaser Stakes in 2018 and fourth in the Grade 3 Pimlico Special last year, and finally broke through in the Storm Cat. Under jockey Anthony Nunez, he took the lead soon after the start, set solid fractions, and then barreled down the stretch to win by nearly three lengths over Someday Jones, with Tudox Expectations third. The final times was 1:44.26.

"I told Anthony [Nunez] to get him on the lead, because it looked like there was a lot of speed in there," said trainer Ed Coletti, Jr. "He's very game if he's in front; he's very competitive."

The win increased Wait for It's career mark to nine wins from 23 starts, and $410,778. He was bred by Fantasy Lane Stable, the former name of Uptowncharlybrown Stud.

One race later, in the Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at 6 furlongs, Midtowncharlybrown bested his younger full brother Midnightcharly, a repeat performance of their one-two finish in the 2019 renewal.

Sent off as a coupled entry at 80 cents on the dollar, Midnightcharly was off slowly and trailed the field as Midtowncharlybrown settled about a length behind streaking Dancing Bull through the first half-mile, completed in a swift :44.11.

Jockey Roberto Rosado, aboard Midtowncharlybrown, guided the chestnut off the

## PA Day at the Races *continued from page 1*

rail and he exploded past the tiring Dancing Bull in midstretch just as Midnightcharly was gobbling up ground along the rail under Nunez. Midtowncharlybrown streaked under the wire one and a quarter lengths better than Midnightcharly, who had nipped Final Shot for second money. The final time was 1:10.65.

Last year, Midtowncharlybrown defeated Midnightcharly by a neck, ironically running almost the same race (Midnightcharly off slow and closing, Midtowncharlybrown on or near the lead) in almost the same time, 1:10.64.

The win increased Midtowncharlybrown's lifetime earnings to $554,798, and the 6-year-old has won 11 of 24 starts. The 5-year-old Midnightcharly has won six of 17 starts and earned $384,058. Both horses are out of the Speightstown mare Torchwood, and were bred by Uptowncharlybrown Stud and Godric LLC.

"If Midtowncharlybrown could talk, I swear I hear him saying, 'I'm not ready for the retirement home just yet!'" said Bob Hutt, president and founder of Uptowncharlybrown Stud. "And as long as 'Midtown' is heathy and happy racing, he'll continue to do what he loves to do best. He's absolute poetry in motion … he has the most perfect way of moving."

Gap View Stables and Jagger Inc.'s Its a Journey, a 7-year-old daughter of Jump Start, survived a fierce stretch duel to win the Mrs. Penny Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on turf for fillies and mares. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Szeyller, trained by Jamie Ness, and ridden by Mychel Sanchez, she fought her way through horses in the shadow of the wire to win by a neck over Puca Penny and Wildcat Cartridge in 1:44.48.

"We claimed her [for $35,000] about a year ago; Jamie [Ness] picked her out, she had a lot of back class," said co-owner Jim Gilmore of Gap View Stables. "We weren't sure how she was going to take to the turf, but obviously she did well, it was a nice win."

The Mrs. Penny was the first stakes victory for Its a Journey, who is out of the Not For Love mare Lovely Senorita. She's collected 15 wins from 47 starts, earning $519,927.

The Forestry mare Avani Force has been quite a producer for breeders Beatrice Patterson and Vicky Schowe, and although she is no longer alive, she continues to be represented in the winner's circle.

That was the case in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes when her 3-year-old daughter Pink Caddy, owned by Club Risque Stable and Gregory Quick, won the 6-furlong contest by 1¼ lengths over Sunny Dale and favored Bronx Beauty. It was the second stakes win for jockey Sanchez; the final time was 1:10.97.

Last year, Pink Caddy, a daughter of El Padrino, captured the Small Wonder Stakes at Delaware Park. Overall, she's won four of six starts, and $176,930.

"She had one tough attitude when she was a foal," recalled co-breeder Schowe. "It was like, 'I'm running the show here.' She was a real princess."

Avani Force has also produced Call Paul, a Pennsylvania-bred multiple graded stakes winner by Friesan Fire, who earned $573,720 before his untimely demise.

The mare has a 2-year-old gelding by Bullsbay, named Maythehorsebwithu, who broke his maiden at Delaware Park July 16 and fiinished second in Delaware's First State Dash Stakes Sept. 26, and a yearling colt by Uncle Lino who sold for $75,000 to Club Risque Stable at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale at Timonium Oct. 6.

The final stakes race of the day, the Marshall Jenney Handicap at 5 furlongs on turf for 3-year-olds and up, was won by 11-1 The Critical Way, who drew into the body of the race after two scratches were announced.

Owned by Monster Stables and trained by Jose H. Delgado, the 6-year-old Tizway gelding burst out of the gate under Ruben Silvera and never looked back, opening up a three-length lead early and then drew away with a flourish, winning by 4½ lengths over Smooth B and Admiral Abe in :57.21.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations go out to Larry Karp of Barlar LLC for being named the Pennsylvania and National TOBA Small Breeder of the Year at their recent awards ceremony. Way to go Larry!!

The 2020 Jockey Club Live Foal Report is out and Pennsylvania led the pack with a 50.4% increase while the rest of the country is down 3.4%. Congrats to all our breeders! Things are looking well on the Harrisburg front so get your mares ready to domicile on Dec. 1 or purchase a mare in foal at one of the upcoming sales and bring it to Pennsylvania within 14 days of purchase. PA is the only place to Breed and Race!

Our last stakes race of the year will showcase our PA-Bred 2-year-olds. The Pennsylvania Nursery is scheduled for Dec. 7 at PARX. One of the great things about this business is that you never know what's going to happen with the new crops. Can't wait to see them run!

Please remember, for the foal crop of 2021, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2020, or within 14 days of a public sale (60 days of international sale) or breed back to a PA-Sire.

We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. You can access the online submission at www.pabred.com/forms.

If you cannot submit online, please call our office to make other arrangements. Please do not use an old form as they are changing this year.

Our annual Stallion Directory will be published in December so please make sure all information has been sent in. Online registration is coming soon and we'll let you know when it's ready to launch. Go Pa!!

# PA Day at the Races *continued from page 2*

Bred by Blackstone Farm, The Critical Way has been well traveled in his 19-race career, breaking his maiden at Santa Anita as a 3-year-old, shipping to Penn National a month later to win the Danzig Stakes, then running at Los Alamitos, Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Delaware Park, Laurel Park, Aqueduct, Gulfstream Park, and Monmouth Park. With a second-place finish in Monmouth's Virgil Buddy Raines Stakes Oct. 3 he pushed his career earnings to $269,143.

As the shadows grew longer across the track apron and the sun began to set, perhaps Bob Hutt spoke for many when he said, "Pennsylvania Day at the Races is always so special, and the PHBA's executive secretary Brian Sanfratello and his team always roll out the red carpet for all Pennsylvania owners and breeders. And what a day it was!"

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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, racetracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

## 2020 Pennsylvania-Bred Stakes Schedule

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| PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES | PARX RACING<br>Monday September 7 | **$80,000 Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes**<br>3 & up, 6 furlongs<br>1st - Midtowncharlybrown<br>2nd - Midnightcharly<br>3rd - Final Shot | **$80,000 Marshall Jenney H**<br>3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf<br>1st - The Critical Way<br>2nd - Smooth B<br>3rd - Admiral Abe |
| | | **$80,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes**<br>3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 miles, turf<br>1st - Its a Journey<br>2nd - Puca Penny<br>3rd - Wildcat Cartridge | **$80,000 Storm Cat Stakes**<br>3 & up, 1 1/16 miles<br>1st - Wait For It<br>2nd - Someday Jones<br>3rd - Tudox Expectations |
| | | **$80,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes**<br>3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 furlongs<br>1st - Pink Caddy<br>2nd - Sunny Dale<br>3rd - Bronx Beauty | |
| PRESQUE ISLE | Tuesday October 20 | **$80,000 Malvern Rose Stakes**<br>3YO fillies, 6½ furlongs | |
| PRESQUE ISLE | Wednesday October 21 | **$80,000 Hard Spun Stakes**<br>3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards | |
| PENN NATIONAL | Friday November 6 | **$80,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes**<br>2YO fillies, 6 furlongs | |
| PARX | Monday December 7 | **$80,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes**<br>2YO, 7 furlongs | |

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## Racing Across the Nation

Things on the racing front are getting back to as normal as they can be. Between Aug. 23 and Sept. 27, we saw 13 graduates of South Carolina farms and training centers find their way to the winner's circle following Stakes races.

On Aug. 23, Alda trailed the field for the first half-mile in the Catch a Glimpse Stakes at Woodbine. She angled out at the eighth pole and got up just in time to win by a nose. This 2-year-old filly received her early training at Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training Center.

Wellington Wonder, a graduate of Franklin "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center, captured the Indiana First Lady Stakes Aug. 26 at Indiana Grand. She raced mid-pack early on, took command in the stretch and drew off to win by 6¼ lengths.

Two of the Shuler Stables' former pupils proved best in stakes races at Charles Town Aug. 28. Stowe Angel broke on top and never looked back in the Robert G. Leavitt, winning by 2½ lengths. In the Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes, Star of Night stalked the leaders the opening half-mile, took the lead approaching the quarter pole and powered home a 5¼ length winner.

At Prairie Meadows Aug. 29, Flat Out Speed was the 2-5 favorite in the Hawkeyes Handicap. While she gained the lead at the top of the stretch, she made the race exciting by fighting off the competition to win by a neck. Flat Out Speed came up through Cary Frommer's program in Aiken.

The Dr's Slippers won his second stakes in a row when best in the Massachusetts Bred Stakes at Fort Erie Sept. 1. This Webb Carroll Training Center graduate had one beat early on before taking control at the top of the stretch, proving much the best to cross the finish line 6½ lengths in front.

The 2-year-old filly Samborella broke her maiden in the Seeking the Ante Stakes at Finger Lakes Sept. 4. She led wire-to-wire, being 7 lengths in front at one point. She went through the breaking process in St. Matthews under Travis Durr's care. On the same day at Saratoga, another Durr graduate, Makingcents, was best in the Fleet Lady Stakes. She also led wire-to-wire, winning by a neck.

Madone, who has spent time in South Carolina with both Kip Elser (Camden) and Cary Frommer (Aiken), overcame a stumble at the start before rallying in the stretch to win by a half-length. She notched her second victory in two career starts in the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Stakes Sept. 6.

Ballagh Rocks became a stakes winner for the second time, capturing Saratoga's Lure Stakes Sept. 7. Staying within 2 lengths of the leader, Ballagh Rocks gained the advantage in the stretch and would not be denied, winning by 2¼ lengths. He went through the breaking process at the Elloree Training Center.

Pink Caddy won her third race in a row in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes at Parx Sept. 7. Staying with the pace throughout she put her head in front around the eighth pole and started drawing away to cross the finish line 1¼ lengths in front. She is a product of Randy and Kala Rentz's operation in Erhardt.

The 6-year-old Arklow notched his fifth stakes win in the Kentucky Turf Cup Stakes-G3 at Kentucky Downs Sept. 12. He has won four graded stakes during his career, including the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic-G1 in 2019. In the Kentucky Turf Cup, he was fourth early before putting his head in front at the quarter pole and left the field behind, winning by 1¼ lengths. Arklow was also prepared for his racing career at "Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center.

King of the Court was the supreme ruler in the Tom Metzen H.B.P.A Stakes at Canterbury Park Sept. 17. This Webb Carroll Training Center grad was prominent throughout and in a hard-fought stretch duel would not be denied, winning by a neck.

## "Goree" Smith top breeder in South Carolina

For the eighth time in the past 10 years, Franklin "Goree" Smith was named Breeder of the Year in South Carolina and honored by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association in September. The Smith family has a long history in the Thoroughbred industry in South Carolina. A longtime board member of the South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Goree owns and operates Elloree Training Center.

Smith stands two stallions, Done Talking and Straight Talking. Each year, he breeds several mares the Smith family owns to them. When ready to head to the racetrack, they go to Goree's brother, Hamilton "Hamm" Smith, who calls Maryland the home base for his training operation.

# SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

| *Horse* | *Training Center* | *Date* | *Track* | *Type of Race* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Best Kept Secret | Rentz Farm | 9/17/20 | Canterbury Park | Allowance |
| Coconut Cake | Aiken - C. Frommer | 9/17/20 | Laurel Park | Allowance |
| KING OF THE COURT | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/17/20 | Canterbury Park | Tom Metzen H |
| Moravian Prayer | Elloree Training Center | 9/17/20 | Laurel Park | Starter Allowance |
| Take Me Home | Custom Care - D. Freyer | 9/17/20 | Charles Town | Allowance |
| Jakarta | Rentz Farm | 9/16/20 | Kentucky Downs | Starter allowance |
| Kampai | Rentz Farm | 9/16/20 | Finger Lakes | Allowance |
| Lord Winsalot | Rentz Farm | 9/16/20 | Penn National | Allowance |
| Married in Shanghai | Rentz Farm | 9/16/20 | Finger Lakes | Allowance |
| Sapanaro | Rentz Farm | 9/16/20 | Parx Racing | Maiden special weight |
| Stone Arch Bridge | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/16/20 | Canterbury Park | Maiden special weight |
| Zanesville | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/16/20 | Kentucky Downs | Allowance |
| Wow Brown | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/15/20 | Finger Lakes | Allowance |
| Bustin Timberlake | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/14/20 | Finger Lakes | Allowance |
| Dublinornothin | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/14/20 | Finger Lakes | Allowance |
| Includere | Ellloree Training Center | 9/14/20 | Thistledown | Starter allowance |
| Rock On Luke | Rentz Farm | 9/14/20 | Parx Racing | Maiden special weight |
| ARKLOW | Elloree Training Center | 9/12/20 | Kentucky Downs | Kentucky Turf Cup |
| Final Form | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/12/20 | Remington Park | Allowance |
| Firth | Aiken - C. Frommer | 9/12/20 | Laurel Park | Allowance |
| Juror Number Four | Aiken - C. Frommer | 9/11/20 | Laurel Park | Maiden special weight |
| Giggling | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/10/20 | Delaware Park | Allowance |
| Gohara | Rentz Farm | 9/10/20 | Presque Isle | Allowance |
| Logical Myth | Elloree Training Center | 9/10/20 | Kentucky Downs | Allowance |
| My Friends Beer | Mason Springs | 9/10/20 | Charles Town | Allowance |
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| Threefiftyseven | Webb Carroll Training Center | 9/7/20 | Woodbine | Maiden special weight |
| MADONE | Kirkwood S/C. Frommer | 9/6/20 | Del Mar | Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf S |
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| Harbor Court | McCutchen Training Center | 9/1/20 | Indiana Grand | Maiden special weight |
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| Olive Kat | Mason Springs | 8/31/20 | Delaware Park | Allowance |
| Pianzi | Webb Carroll Training Center | 8/30/20 | Monmouth Park | Allowance |
| Upstriker | Elloree Training Center | 8/30/20 | Ellis Park | Maiden special weight |
| Bustin Scones | Webb Carroll Training Center | 8/29/20 | Saratoga | Allowance |
| Depository | Webb Carroll Training Center | 8/29/20 | Laurel Park | Maiden special weight |
| FLAT OUT SPEED | Aiken - C. Frommer | 8/29/20 | Prairie Meadows | Hawkeyes S |
| Hanalei's Houdini | Elloree Training Center | 8/29/20 | Laurel Park | Allowance |
| Theregoesjojo | Webb Carroll Training Center | 8/29/20 | Woodbine | Allowance |
| Woodbridge | Aiken - Mike Keogh | 8/29/20 | Woodbine | Allowance |
| Abarta | Elloree Training Center | 8/28/20 | Ellis Park | Maiden special weight |
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VIRGINIA

## Laurel Plays Host to Handful of $75,000 Stakes For Virginia-Bred/Sired Horses October 9

Jockey Trevor McCarthy reached the winners circle in three of the five $75,000 Virginia-bred/sired turf stakes contested at Laurel on October 9. The five were originally scheduled to be held at Colonial Downs on September 2 but when the track's season ended prematurely due to Covid-19, the races were moved to Laurel.

McCarthy led heavily favored Embolden to a one length win in the 5 1/2 furlong Punch Line Stakes. Winner of the 2019 Jamestown, the 3-year-old The Factor colt came into the race fresh off a pair of Grade 3 efforts at Kentucky Downs and Saratoga. Second in the turn, Embolden powered past frontrunning Ready to Run and by the top of the stretch, had a 3 1/2 length advantage in the Punch Line. He crossed one length the best over Lynchburg in a full 14 horse field. The winner was bred by Nancy Terhune and Ernest Frohboese, is a Michael Stidham trainee and is owned by Michael Faber's Dare to Dream Stable. Embolden has purse earnings of $246,500. Boondoggle finished third.

Best finish of the slate took place in the 1 1/16th miles Bert Allen Stakes where Todd Pletcher's Largent won by a neck over Arch Kingsley's Tolaga Bay. Largent, who won the Edward P. Evans Stakes at Colonial this summer, was sent off as the heavy 1-9 betting choice. The 4-year-old Into Mischief gelding raced along the rail, stayed within two lengths of the lead then got through inside leaving the turn. McCarthy guided him to a short lead midway through the straightaway and he was able to fend off Tolaga Bay at the wire. Kendama finished third.

A model of consistency, Largent now has five wins and three runner-up finishes from eight career starts. He was bred by Lazy Lane Farms and is owned by Twin Creeks Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.

McCarthy kicked off his trio of wins atop Tasting The Stars in the Brookmeade Stakes. A 2019 Virginia Oaks participant, the Michael Stidham trainee was off for a year following that race and had just returned to action September 5 in Laurel's Twixt Stakes. The 4-year-old Bodemeister filly stalked the pace from third in the 1 1/6th miles Brookmeade, went

PHOTO CAPTIONS:
Top: Embolden captures the $75,000 Punch Line Stakes Oct. 9 at Laurel. Photo provided by Jim McCue and Jerry Dzierwinski.
Bottom: Todd Pletcher's Largent edges Tolaga Bay by a neck in the Bert Allen Stakes. Photo provided by Jim McCue and Jerry Dzierwinski.

three-wide in the turn and drove past runner-up Pink Pearl mid-stretch to win by 1 1/4 lengths in 1:43.60. The winner was bred by Audley Farm Equine and is owned by Newtown Anner Stud Farm. Fionnbharr was third.

Kenny Had a Notion was one of two horses in the six horse Jamestown Stakes field to have won prior to post that day. The experience paid off against the group of 2-year-olds as the Great Notion gelding won convincingly by five lengths at the 5 1/2-furlong distance. Jorge Ruiz led the winning effort for owners Louis Ulman and Neil Glasser and trainer Dale Capuano. The winner, out of Darting by During, was bred by Althea Richards. Point of Grace was second and Virginia Fib finished third.

Country Life Farm's Virginia Beach wired the M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes field under the direction of jockey Victor Carrasco. She completed the 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:03.41. The 3-year-old Twirling Candy filly was best by 1 1/4 lengths over Tea in China. Heavily favored What The Beep, who won the Camptown Stakes this summer and the '19 Gilpin edition, finished third, three lengths behind. The winner is trained by Michael Trombetta and was bred by Mr. & Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III. She is out of the El Prado mare, Enterprise Beach.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:
Top Left - Kenny Had a Notion wins the Jamestown Stakes by five lengths. Photo provided by Jim McCue and Jerry Dzierwinski.

Top Right - Barry Foley guides National Sporting Library & Museum Cup winner Curve of Stones over timber at the Middleburg Fall Races. Photo by Douglas Lees.

## Foxfield, Middleburg and Great Meadow Host Sanctioned Fall Steeplechase Meets

Virginia's fall steeplechase season kicked off with a pair of rescheduled Point-to-Points on consecutive weekends in September. The Old Dominion Hounds was held at Ben Venue Farms September 12 followed by the Blue Rudge Hunt at Woodley Farm in Berryville September 19. Both were originally slated to be held in spring.

The season continued with sanctioned jump meets in Charlottesville and Middleburg on back-to-back weekends in early October that were held without spectators. Foxfield returned to action October 4 on a beautiful fall day with seven races and $55,000 in purse monies. Their spring meet was canceled due to Covid-19. The Middleburg Fall Races were held at Glenwood Park October 10 and $115,000 in purse monies were distributed over nine races.

Virginia-bred Curve of Stones captured the featured $25,000 National Sporting Library and Museum Cup Stakes at Glenwood in thrilling fashion. The 9-year-old Arch gelding faced seven others in the 3 1/4 miles test on the timber. David Rourke's trainee was sixth at the two-mile mark and moved to third at the final fence, trailing leading Mustic Strike by two lengths. Those two battled to the finish and Curve of Stones was a neck the best in 6:36.60. The winner is out of the El Prado mare, Exceptionally. He was bred by Audley Farm Equine, is owned by Sarah Rebecca Shepherd and was ridden by Barry Foley.

Virginia's fall season concludes with the International Gold Cup card at Great Meadow in The Plains on Saturday October 24. Like most other equine events this year, the program will be held without spectators. Live video streaming of the races will be available at nationalsteeplechase.com.


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# Short Fields/Gilded Outlook

By Jeff Gilleas

Saturday, Sept. 19, witnessed several barns applying the finishing touches on horses aiming for the West Virginia Breeders Classics. Certain trainers engaged in a dicey game of catch-up, while others played Russian Roulette and never left the confines of their respective stalls.

The popularity and continuance of the fall Classics, scheduled for Oct. 10, remains unprecedented, though this year's purse adjustments are clearly noticeable. Paraphrasing CTHBPA president Jim Miller, "The Covid virus has had a very large impact on casino operations and resulting declining revenues. The closure of the Hollywood property this year forced funding for the West Virginia Breeders Classics to be approximately $250,000 lower than in 2019."

Only four 2-year-old fillies met in the $50,000 Rachel's Turn Stakes, with the Jeff Runco trainee That Kenney Kid commanding all of the attention.

Following an exhilarating maiden special weight win, the blistering fast daughter of Speighster couldn't replicate that effort after a belated start. Going off at odds of 1-2, she had to switch focus and play sentry, as owner/trainer John McKee finished first and second in a race named in honor of his well-traveled multiple stakes winner.

Theladyistrue, a homebred daughter by McKee's sure-fire sire Fiber Sonde, circled four wide late to prevail in the closing yards. A seasoned veteran now with four career races, the dark bay out of the mare Longwood Lady shouldn't find the stretch-out in distance on Classics night an intimidating task. Her stablemate and exacta collaborator, Shutupn'kissme employed similar tactics, earning her runnerup status. The fractional and final time was slightly tempered by the recent application of a fresh sand and clay mixture to the track surface.

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**Theladyistrue won the Rachel's Turn Stakes, with stablemate Shutupn'kissme finishing right behind her.**

For decades, Taylor Mountain Farm has been a standard-bearer in the West Virginia Thoroughbred breeding industry. Fans of James W Casey's stallions Luftikus, Windsor Castle, Charitable Man and Denis of Cork have eagerly awaited the arrival of the offspring by their latest project, Juba. The Henry Mercer Memorial Stakes removed all speculation concerning the son of Tapit's quality in the breeding shed, when Hopping Henry – owned, trained and bred by Mike Sterling – scored in resounding fashion.

With an 18-point surge forward in Equibase speed figures, preceding his maiden win, the gelding was always forwardly placed and maintained a comfortable margin of victory, though touring beyond the crown of the racetrack.

Seasoning and pedigree should allow Hopping Henry to handle the added quarter-of-a-mile distance in

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**Hopping Henry became the first stakes winner for Taylor Mountain Farm's freshman stallion Juba in winning the Henry Mercer Memorial.**

the Vincent Moscarelli Memorial on Breeders Classics night.

Six older fillies and mares met in the Sadie Hawkins Stakes and Bridging the Gap showed why her connections are supplementing her to the Cavada on the "Night of Champions". Using her customary high cruising speed and resurgent stamina, the aerodynamic daughter of Fiber Sonde—Seetsang, by Fusaichi Pegasus, got her third win in a row while collecting her initial stakes success.

Improving with age, the roan filly was bred in Kentucky by Don Cain and competes in the colors of owner/trainer John McKee. The McKee barn may have a strong hand in the upcoming weeks, especially with their crop of Fiber Sonde babies.

See Ya Manana, second in last years esteemed Cavada Stakes to Anna's Bandit, made a menacing bid at the top of the lane, but could not bridge the gap late.

Fame and fortune sometimes brings with it unique trials and tribulations. Such was the case in the Frank Gall Memorial, when antagonists Runnin'toluvya and Penguin Power renewed their heated rivalry. As the gate opened, it resembled a Black Friday bargain sale with Penguin Power, Runnin'toluvya and Hero's Man all scrambling for the early advantage.

Penguin Power, closest to the rail, momentarily assumed command as Hero's Man in full fight ranged alongside to imitate his shadow. Runnin'toluvya wisely backed off the dueling leaders as they sizzled the opening quarter in 22.45 seconds. Once straightened away on the run up the backside Hero's Man reluctantly threw in the towel, as Tim and Judy Grams' millionaire opted to commence his bid.

The match race was on!

The half mile was in a grueling 46.25 seconds, as North Atlantic began to demonstrate interest in breaking up this social affair. Penguin Power and Runnin'toluvya, both sons of Fiber Sonde, were nose to nose, tail to tail, while doing battle six or seven paths off the inside barrier. That gaping hole provided an invitation for North Atlantic to contend for a share of the spoils.

Momentum belonged to the son of Ghostzapper, but Runnin'toluvya, fresh from a third-place performance in the Grade 2 Charles Town Classic, wouldn't be denied. Digging down deep, the big gray found intestinal fortitude reserved for champions and inched clear in the final strides.

The third race on the evening's undercard featured a bevy of 2-year-old boys vying for a chance of securing enough earnings to compete on Classics night. Such was the case for owner/trainer Ernesto Perez and his charge, Officer Appeal.

The conditioner has done a good job with some reclamation projects, but his passion and true expertise is the breaking and schooling of young horses. Ernesto purchased the son of Officer Rocket (GB) from Dennis Bybee (Bybee Farm) with the intent of eventually running him a distance of ground.

Officer Appeal superbly executed his connections confidence in him, by capturing the two-turn West Virginia maiden special weight contest. Breaking with the pack, Officer Appeal was allowed to settle in the second tier of runners before uncorking a determined sweeping move that carried him to victory.

On Classics evening, where big stables feature touristy reputations and often dominant the festivities, many fans will be rooting for the little guy with lofty aspirations.


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# In Memoriam

## FRITZ BURKHARDT

Longtime Delaware Park steward Fritz Burkhardt passed away in Wilmington, Del., Sept. 22 at age 85.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Burkhardt served as a steward for the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission from 1987 until 2019 with the exception of a brief stint as a racing official for the Emirates Racing Authority in Abu Dhabi in the mid-1990s. He had worked in varied positions within the industry, including managing Abacus Ranch in Snowmass, Colo., for Broadway producer Mary K. Frank, as an assistant to trainer Roger Cornell, a steward at Rillito Downs, a trainer, agent, and as a houndsman at the Howard County Hunt Club.

"He really was an amazing man and he lived a fascinating life," said John Mooney, the executive director of racing at Delaware Park. "He was very devoted to animals, particularly horses. He had a very thorough understanding of the racehorse and appreciated all the individuals who worked with racehorses."

## LESLIE CONDON

West Virginia breeder, owner and trainer Leslie Condon, a member of the boards of the Charles Town HBPA and Race Track Chaplaincy, was killed in a head-on motorcycle crash Aug. 20 near her home in Charles Town. She was 49.

Born in Bethesda, Md., Condon competed in hunter-jumper shows as a young girl. She sent out her first runner in September 1996 and got her first winner with her own Cotswold Way less than two months later at Mountaineer. In all, her runners made 1,946 starts and recorded 120 wins, the most successful homebred Scythe, winner of the 2018 West Virginia Dash for Cash Breeders Classic Stakes.

Condon had seven horses in training when she died and more than 30 on her farm, including the Bernardini stallion Weave It to Me. Sherry Lee Jackson took over the horses at the track, and longtime friend Diana McClure has been coordinating the care of the horses, including setting up a GoFundMe page for donations. Also assisting with the horses' care is Gwen Ingersoll DVM, who has set up a memorial account at Jefferson Security Bank.

## DON DEAN

Don Dean, former president of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America whose philanthropic work supported numerous local industry causes, died Oct. 1. The Potomac, Md., resident was 85.

Born in Kansas and growing up in the southwest, Dean began a long career with IBM after attending Oklahoma State University, and eventually moved his family to Maryland. Upon retiring from IBM, he became a Washington, D.C., lobbyist for Loral and then Lockheed Martin.

Dean purchased his first horse in the mid-1980s, the Thirty Eight Paces filly Mt. Airy Momma, who failed to win but became his first broodmare. In a *Baltimore Sun* interview he noted: "She was a very unsuccessful filly, but I did what you're not supposed to do and I kept her and bred her and all of her babies have run and won at some level. Getting into racing also introduced me to Race Track Chaplaincy of America, in which I have become very involved both nationally and here in Maryland."

One of Dean's proudest moments came with the purchase of the stakes-winning Seattle Slew mare Tax Dodge when she was 19. The first foal she produced for Dean was multiple stakes-placed filly Unbridled Grace. His family remembers that, "He loved being around the horses so much, in his 70s he worked as a hotwalker."

Upon completing his national RTCA terms, Dean turned his focus to supporting the local chapters, especially in Maryland and West Virginia, and attended weekly services at the tracks. He loved being an auctioneer for fundraisers and regularly donated items for the causes he supported.

## HARRY DEITCHMAN

Harry Deitchman, one of the owners with golfing buddy Kenneth Taylor and trainer John Salzman of champion filly Xtra Heat, died Aug. 6 at age 95.

Deitchman grew up in Baltimore City and, after a stint in the Army during World War II, returned to Baltimore to get a bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Baltimore. Working for the city, he became a payroll official, a position he held for 44 years. The Pikesville, Md., resident had a fixed income but was game to buy a racehorse when asked by Taylor. In 2000, Salzman went to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale and bought Xtra Heat for $5,000 for the partners. The filly took the trio on a wild ride–32 starts, 24 wins, more than $2.2 million earned – and won an Eclipse Award before they sold her privately for $1.5 million in November 2002. Xtra Heat was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 2015 and Deitchman attended the ceremony in Saratoga.

## FRED GREENE

Maryland breeder/owner Fred A. Greene Jr., of Annapolis, died Aug. 18. The retired home builder and land developer was 94.

Born in Culpeper, Va., Greene was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of Maryland. He had a long and successful partnership with trainer Hamilton Smith, who sent out Debbie Sue to win the 2006 Maryland Million Ladies Stakes. Smith picked out the Citidancer filly as a yearling for Greene for $30,000; named for Greene's daughter, Debbie Sue went on to win or place in six stakes and earn $400,265.

Greene bred and raced generations of runners from I'm in Heaven, purchased as a 2-year-old in 1997 and winner of the Toddler Stakes at Laurel that year. I'm in Heaven produced stakes-placed Heavenly Moon in 2005, who in turn produced stakes-placed Moon Virginia. Greene was a regular supporter of Maryland stallions, and this year Heavenly Moon delivered a colt by Great Notion and was bred back to Bourbon Courage. In recent years, in parnership with Smith and Debbie Greene, horses bred and campaigned by Greene included 2015 stakes winner Coach Fridge.

## JACK STUART KOUSIN

Jack Stuart Kousin, a successful trainer in the 1970s and '80s, died suddenly Aug. 25. He was 73.

The Michican native had been training for three years when Alan Kline's homebred filly Contrary Rose entered his barn and won her debut in February 1979. In a 61-start career, the roan filly won 15 times, including multiple stakes, was graded stakes-placed and earned $335,262. That same year, Kousin sent out Kline's 2-year-old colt Peace for Peace to win the Timonium Futurity. Peace for Peace won or placed in 44 of 73 starts. Kousin took Kline's homebred colt S. S. Hot Sauce to the 1984 Preakness (he finished 10th) after wins in three Maryland stakes.

Kousin sent out the winners of 206 races and nearly $2.4 million through 1986 when he decided to pursue a career as an accountant. More than 30 years later his family noted "his love for horses and his competitive spirit could no longer be tamed and Jack returned to the track in late 2018." With a small stable of runners, Kousin got his last win March 1 with the filly Fontaine, who was making her second career start.

# In Memoriam *continued*

His family remembers that his love for horses "didn't begin and end with racing. In his youth, Jack was an accomplished polo player that allowed him to travel and play all over the world. His polo career took him to the world renowned Cowdray Park Polo Club outside of London, England, where he once played in tournaments alongside British royalty."

## HERB SHEPPARD

David Herbert "Herb" Sheppard, co-owner of the timber champion Von Csadek, died July 1 at his Lutherville, Md., home. He was 92.

Sheppard had a lifelong interest in racehorses and partnered with his niece, Margaret Worrall, in ownership of Von Csadek. Trained by Margaret's husband Doug Worrall and ridden by their son Patrick Worrall, Von Csadek won two Virginia Gold Cups, the first by 110 lengths, and a 30-length romp in the Maryland Hunt Cup. He was sent to England for an attempt at the Grand National at Aintree, but was injured after winning two prep races. The gelding became a show jumper after his racing days.

"I've been blessed with good luck through the years in racing," said Sheppard when interviewed after Von Csadek's 1992 Maryland Hunt Cup win. "My first two flat horses, 15 or so years back, won first time out. . . and Double Vested, a horse Doug developed for me, won two point-to-points right off the bat in Virginia in the spring of 1988 for Patrick's first wins."

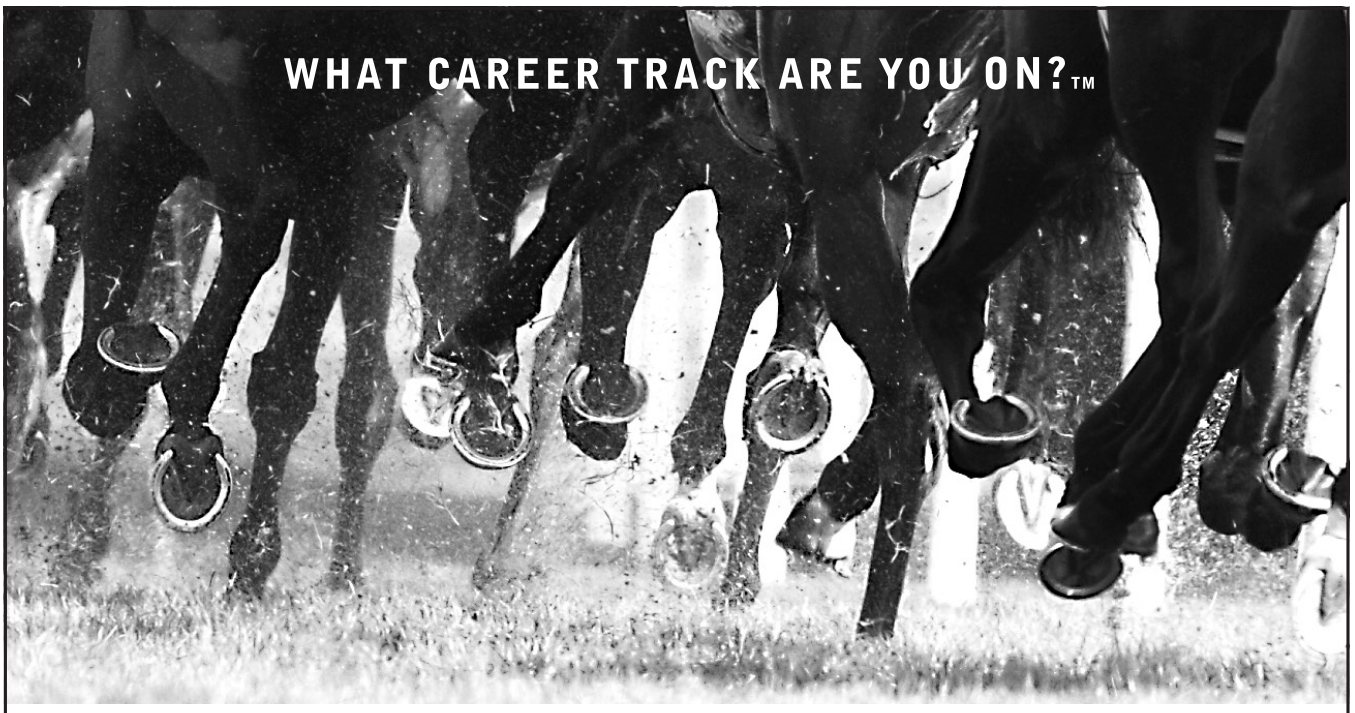
Sheppard was born in Baltimore and took over his father's dry-cleaning business, which he expanded. He also owned and operated commercial real estate in Towson, Md., until the time of his death.

## ROBIN SILVEOUS

Robin Kay Silveous, who worked at Charles Town for 34 years, first as a teller before becoming the horsemen's bookkeeper, died suddenly Sept. 3. The Kearneysville, W.Va., resident was 59.

The daughter of the late David Harrington Small graduated from Shepherd University, class of 1985, with a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration.

The avid horsewoman and animal lover also bred and raced horses with her husband Chris Alen Silveous, whom she married in April 2015. She rescued many horses thoughout her life and a fundraiser, Save Robin's Farm, has been set up on GoFundMe to help take care of her horses and farm.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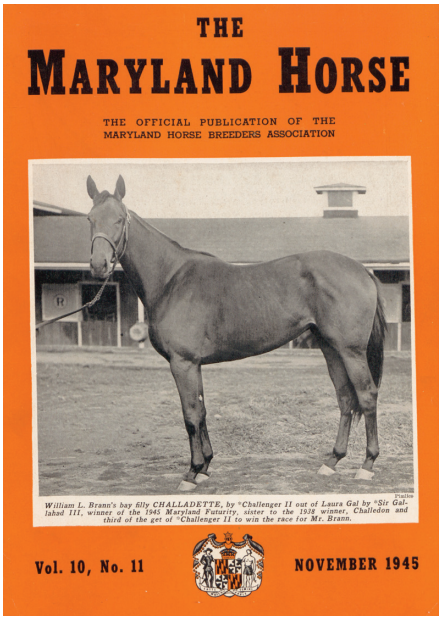
# Looking Back

## 75 years ago

■ Leading Maryland breeder William Brann got his third win in the rich Maryland Futurity when 1938 winner Challedon's full sister Challadette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William L. Brann's bay filly CHALLADETTE, by *Challenger II out of Laura Gal by *Sir Gallahad III, winner of the 1945 Maryland Futurity, sister to the 1938 winner, Challedon and third of the get of *Challenger II to win the race for Mr. Brann.
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(*Challenger II—Laura Gal, by *Sir Gallahad III) captured the 1945 running. It was the first time a brother and sister had won the race.

The second-leading sire in the country, *Challenger II sired his fourth winner of the race (the others were Challamore and Vincentive). Another of his 1945 2-year-olds was multiple stakes-placed Bridal Flower. He was also the sire of top 3-year-old filly Gallorette.

*Challadette won that year's Marguerite Stakes at Pimlico over Bridal Flower, but Bridal Flower had a much better career. She was named the nation's champion filly the next year and won or placed in 18 stakes while earning $222,055.*

■ Bobanet Stable, one of the newer operations in Maryland, led all stables during the Laurel fall meet, over such formidable opposition as Calumet Farm, Brookmeade Stable, Christiana Stable as well as William Brann, Gustave Ring and H.L. Straus. The horses competed for Robert Bruce Livie, for years an important figure in Baltimore's automobile industry. The stable name was a combination of his first name and that of his wife Annette.

**Bobanet Stable owner R. Bruce Livie (left), with his trainer Albert "Spec" Dunne, was the leading owner by money won at Laurel in 1945.**

Among their stable stars were 2-year-old Marine Victory (a three-time stakes winner including Belmont Park's Champagne Stakes), 3-year-old Bobanet and 4-year-old Gay Bit.

Calumet Farm did take a major stakes at Laurel when Armed won the historic Washington Handicap. Just weeks earlier he had been second to Gay Bit in the Havre de Grace Handicap.

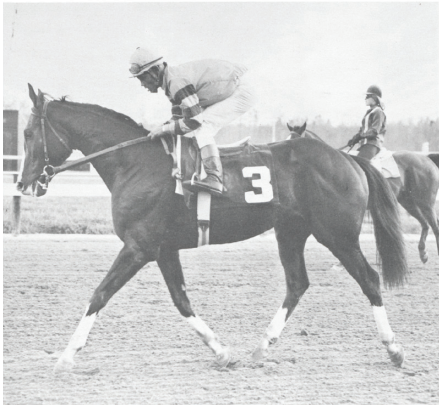
## 50 years ago

■ Thomas R. O'Farrell, a former Maryland State senator and member of the House of Delegates, vice-president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, a key figure in the passage of the Maryland Fund Program, and instrumental in the success of stallion Rough'n Tumble, died of a cerebral hemorrhage at his Windy Hills Farm in Westminster. He was 55.

"An expert horseman in every sense of the word" O'Farrell was "colorful in speech and tremendously well-liked, he was, in many ways, a born politician and salesman."

■ Nebraskan Michael J. Ford, who got into the breeding business three years earlier and kept his horses at Bowling Brook Farm in Maryland, moved his 34 mares, 20 weanlings and 25 yearlings, in addition to stallions Royal Gunner and Umbrella Fella, to Sagamore Farm, home to Ford's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Kauai King.

■ Nathan Cohen's flashy 4-year-old colt Mister Diz, favored to repeat in Laurel's Constellation Handicap, delighted his fans with a decisive victory. It was the seventh stakes win for the two-time Maryland-bred champion, a son of Panacean who stood at C. William Hetzer's Milestone Farm in Williamsport, Md.



**Nathan Cohen's two-time Maryland-bred champion Mister Diz added to his stakes total in 1970.**

■ Dizzy Babe, bred in Maryland by Mrs. and Mrs. William J. McDonald, won Bay Meadows' Tanforan Handicap. McDonald, publicity director at Shenandoah Downs, reported he acquired the stakes winner's dam, Dizzy Irish, with Dizzy Babe in utero.

The story went: "It seems as though Warren Wolf, racing secretary at Tropical Park's summer meeting, traded the mare for four Angus cows. A week later the mare gave birth to Dizzy Babe [who went on to win four stakes and earn $182,216]. Meanwhile the Angus cows have increased their number to 30.

Wolf noted: "Dizzy Irish was a mean, common mare, but she could run some. Matter of fact, she won two races for me while she was carrying twins. Both of them died, though, and I've always suspected she killed them herself.

"Her rotten disposition was the main reason I decided to get rid of her. She was an awful shipper who would tear a van apart. I figured raising cows would be a lot more restful."

■ The University of Maryland was undertaking an economic study of the industry as part of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's national project. Maryland horsemen were encouraged to cooperate. One of the objectives of the study was to determine the economic framework and influence of the racing industry.

# 25 years ago

■ Mz. Zill Bear's win in the $125,000 Ladies was a record-tying third Maryland Million victory for her and a record fifth win for owners Bill and Phyllis Dixon of Mea Culpa Stables. The 6-year-old Salutely mare, trained by Ronald Cartwright, had also won the Ladies in 1993 and '94.

Leading female honors were shared with California shipper Urbane. A Grade 1 winner making her first start since finishing second in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 in May, she captured the $100,000 Oaks by 8 lengths. The 3-year-old Maryland-bred filly was one of three winners for sire Citidancer that day, along with Mystic Rhythms in the Lassie and Short Stay in the off-the-turf Turf.

■ Foxie G gave trainer Dale Capuano his first Maryland Million win as he won the Sprint Handicap over a muddy 6 furlongs in 1:09.94. The 4-year-old gelding, owned by Phillip Capuano, finished ahead of Crumpton, both representing sire Horatius.

■ After finishing on the board in 40 of 55 career starts, 7-year-old Friendly Lover won the Boojum Handicap-G2 at Belmont Park to become the fourth runner from his home state of New Jersey to pass the million-dollar mark. His lifetime total was $1,021,481.

"He's no superhorse; he's a good horse and if he gets some racing luck he's honest," said trainer Joseph H. Pierce Jr.

■ Bebe Dalton's homebred Cavada, a 4-year-old daughter of West Virginia-based Verification, provided a stakes record performance in the $150,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic Stakes. The even-money favorite and solo distaffer in the field of 12, Cavada won the night's featured event by 2 lengths. The Florida-bred's time was a full second faster than the stakes standard set by Coin Collector, who won the race in 1992 and '93.

■ The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale skyrocketed to new heights as the average for the selected portion of the sale rose 62 percent over the previous year, to $23,674, while a $210,000 colt by Citidancer out of Latin Puzzle smashed the record for a yearling sold in the state. Bred by Thomas "Tom Cat" Patterson, the bay colt already named Latin Dancer was purchased by Samantha Siegel of Santa Monica, Calif.

*Owned by Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel and trained by D. Wayne Lukas, Maryland-bred Latin Dancer won the Baldwin Stakes-G3 in 1997 and four other stakes, and retired in 1999 with a record of 7-5-1 from 22 starts and earnings of $422,333.*

# 10 years ago

■ Anne Thorington always put the horses first, which was reflected in the success of her small but select breeding program on her Maple Leaf Farm in Unionville, Pa. The 78-year-old breeder was represented that year by multiple graded stakes winner Sweet August Moon—other breeding highlights over the years included Group 2 winner and Irish classic-placed Patricia, stakes winner All the Moves, and graded stakes winner and sire Top Hit.

■ Maryland's first slots facility, Hollywood Casino Perryville, opened in late September. Owned and operated by Penn National Gaming, the 34,000-square-foot casino had 1,500 slot machines. A second slots site at Ocean Downs racetrack in Berlin, Md., was expected to begin operation by the end of the year.

■ The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association honored Virginia's Edward P. Evans as the National Breeder of the Year for 2009. Represented that year by the earners of $4 million, including Grade 1 winners Quality Road and Cat Move, Edwards had ranked among the top 10 breeders in the nation every season for the past decade. The breeder of more than 100 stakes winners ran his breeding operation out of his 3,000-acre Spring Hill Farm in Casanova, Va.

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**Anne Thorington enjoyed time with her mares.**

■ As Hudson River Farm's Arcadius captured his first Grade 1 victory in the $100,000 Helen Haskell Sampson Stakes at Monmouth Park, he secured Pennsylvania horseman Jonathan Sheppard his 1,000th American jump race win. Sheppard then sent out a second winner to push his combined flat and jump total to 2,415 in a 44-year career.

The milestone was another for the Hall of Fame trainer whose career was highlighted by nine champions (seven steeplechase, two flat), along with 23 National Steeplechase Association championships by races-won and 25 by earnings.

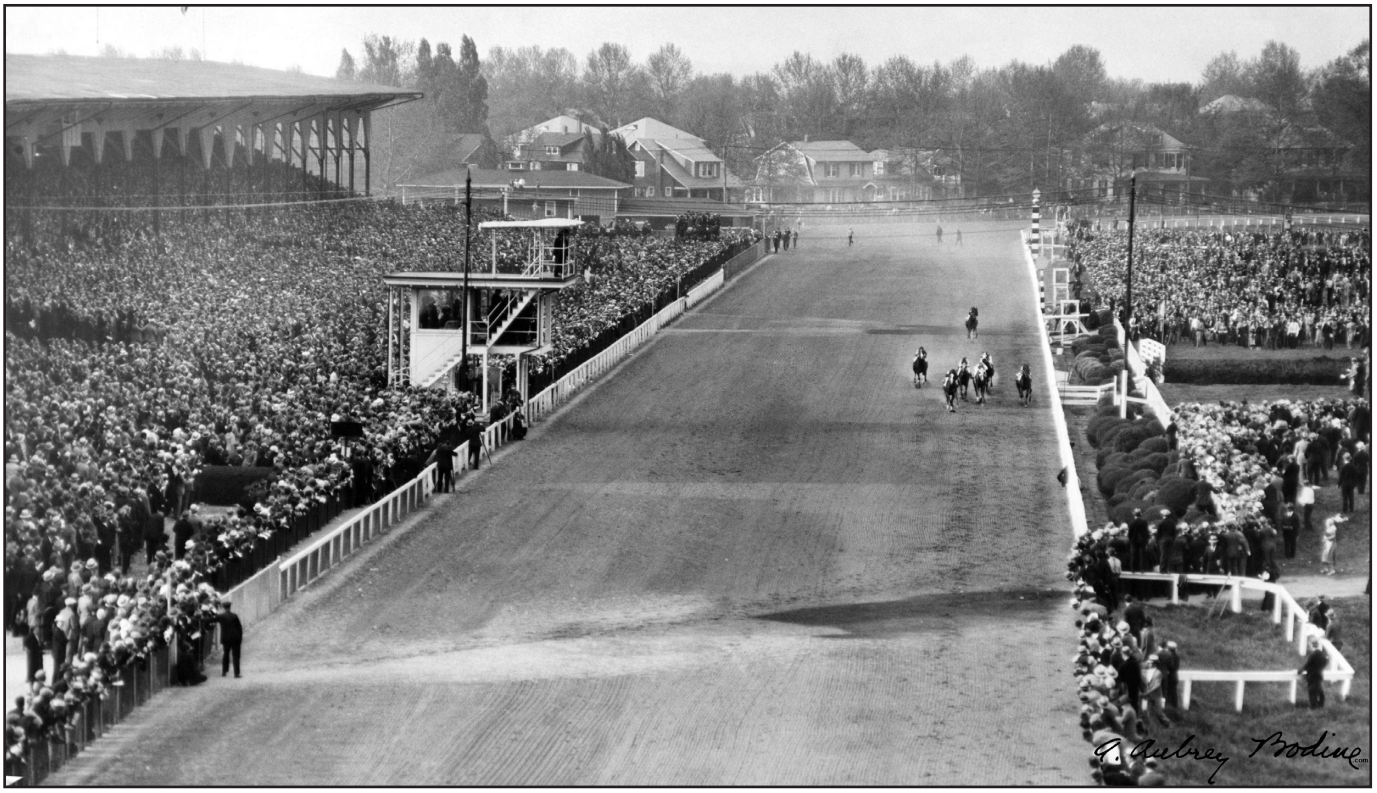
*As of mid-October, Sheppard runners had won 3,416 races and more than $88 million.*

■ John Werner Kluge, owner of the top-class Morven Stud in Charlottesville, Va., throughout the 1990s, died at age 95. Morven campaigned nine stakes winners, including Grade/Group 1 stars Buy the Firm, Lady in Silver and Unaccounted For. Dispersing his Thoroughbred stock in 2000, Kluge later donated Morven Stud and additional acreage to the University of Virginia.

■ Real Quiet, winner of the 1998 Kentucky Derby-G1 and Preakness Stakes-G1, died from injuries suffered in a paddock accident at Penn Ridge Farms in Harrisburg, Pa. He was 15.

The five-time Grade 1 winner, who retired with $3,271,802 in career earnings from 20 starts, entered stud in Kentucky in 2000 and shuttled to Australia and Uruguay before moving to Pennsylvania to stand at Regal Heir Farms, Pin Oak Lane and finally Penn Ridge. In his five years in Pennsylvania his books averaged approximately 70 mares.

With eight crops to race, Real Quiet's standout progeny included Grade 1 winners Midnight Lute, Pussycat Doll and Wonder Lady Anne L.




**Spectators Allowed.** The 1931 Preakness at Pimlico Race Course looked quite different from the 2020 running as Old Hilltop overflowed with spectators in the grandstand and the infield as well as along the inside rail and anywhere else they could sit or stand. The race's 56th running was the first leg of the Triple Crown that year, and was won by owner/breeder Albert Bostwick Jr.'s Mate, who later sired legendary Maryland-bred steeplechaser Elkridge.

Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years – from 1920 until his death in 1970 – captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

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